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## Walk-out supported by town's 999 staff

OSWESTRY ambulance workers say they feel the Government does not value what they do.

Crews in the town joined other NHS workers in a national four-hour strike on Monday over a pay increase dispute. In Oswestry staff visited the picket line during the industrial action, with those who had been on the night shift staying on after they had finished.

Oswestry station manager Terry Foster said: "It's four hours to try and highlight the fact that the Government aren't coming up with the goods.

"We're just asking for a measly one per cent and we think it's not too much to ask.

"It's the second lot of industrial action but there is more highlighted and we will keep doing it. We don't like doing it but we're forced into it and backed into a corner."

Paramedic Mick Stokes said: "I've been in for 15 years and never had a pay rise above inflation.

"The public values us but the Government doesn't. One per cent won't address the problem, but they won't even give us that.

"We're one of those services that's not wanted until we're needed." The walk-out has been followed up with work-to-rule action including an overtime ban and staff taking their breaks.

## Talks held about road system plan

TALKS are being held to change Welshpool's controversial one-way system.

Powys County Council agreed last year to bring in a raft of changes to the system in a bid to improve safety and traffic flow.

Welshpool Town Council's planning committee was due last night (Wednesday) to discuss the system and how alterations should be made.

Councillor Ann Holloway, Welshpool town and county councillor, said she fears someone will be killed before the changes are made.

She said: "Someone has to stand up and be counted now and take urgent action against this shambolic road system. If they don't, someone will be killed by a car sooner rather than later."

## Zac swings into action to help wildlife



Zac McCourt, nine, from Leighton, who will be taking part in a triathlon for charity

A NINE-year-old boy from a village near Welshpool is so worried about the future of orangutans that he has decided to complete a triathlon to raise funds to save them.

Zac McCourt plans to swim 20 lengths, cycle 5km and run 3km. The youngster, who attends Leighton Primary School and lives in the village, said he is determined to raise as much as he can to help the threatened beasts.

His mother Holly Dyer said: "I watched a programme about orangutans and palm oil recently and was telling Zac about how people destroy the rain forest so they can grow the palm oil.

"The knock-on effect is that the orangutans and many other creatures are left homeless or killed or wander into villages where they are chased away or the babies sometimes kept as pets.

"Zac was really upset about this and even more so when we discovered how many things have palm oil in them - biscuits, washing liquid, chocolate, bread, soap, noodles and almost everything else.

"We talked about how we could make a difference and help the orangutans, checking things we buy for palm oil, buying goods with certified sustainable palm oil, talking about it so other people know about it and doing some fundraising.

"We looked online to find an organisation who are trying to do something about rescuing and saving the orangutans and found the Orangutan Foundation UK."

She added: "Zac is very sporty and belongs to the Welshpool Flash Leisure Centre Piranhas Swimming Group and he swims for his school at swimming galas.

"He also belongs to the Hafren Cycling Club and he came up with the idea for the triathlon himself and was adamant about the distances he wanted to do."

Zac's challenge will be carried out on January 18 at the Flash Leisure Centre. To sponsor him, visit: [www.justgiving.com/holly-dyer](http://www.justgiving.com/holly-dyer)

## Homebase store to close says company

OSWESTRY'S Homebase store is set to close next year, bosses have announced.

Staff at the store on Shrewsbury Road have been told of the decision and told the company will try to find positions for them in other parts of the business.

Homebase spokeswoman Lexie Dabney said: "Homebase can confirm that the business has entered a period of consultation with colleagues regarding the proposed assignment of the Oswestry Homebase store lease to another retailer.

"This proposed transfer is part of our plan to reduce store numbers to help enable us to have a smaller but stronger business, better positioned to support future investment and realise potential for greater growth.

"Subject to consultation, we would be looking to find roles within the local area for those colleagues affected by the changes. Any impacted colleagues will be invited for an interview for future employment in the transferred store.

"We would also be looking at capacity in any nearby Homebase and Argos stores with a view to redeploying colleagues wherever possible, should the proposed transfer go ahead."

Oswestry Mayor Gareth Jones said: "It's sad for the people of Oswestry. I hope they can guarantee the jobs for people who are working there."

## Man killed in crash on A483 road

A CAR driver died in a crash on the A483 trunk road near Chirk after his vehicle was involved in a collision with a lorry.

The accident happened just after 6pm on Monday and involved a collision between a Peugeot 307 and an HGV lorry.

Emergency services went to the scene of the crash, a single carriageway stretch of road between the Halton roundabout and the junction for Ruabon, but nothing could be done to save the motorist. The lorry driver was not believed to be injured in the collision.

There were long delays for drivers caught up in the traffic hold-ups and diversions were set up.

# WORRIES BREW OVER PUBS AXE

**VILLAGERS in the Oswestry and borders area are in danger of losing more village pubs unless campaigns to save them prove successful.**

An action group set up to save the Cross Keys in Kinnerley has urged people to urgently pledge funds towards plans to buy the historic building as a community asset.

Residents in Four Crosses are petitioning council bosses not to grant planning permission for a housing development at their village pub.

Meanwhile, in Weston Rhyn near Oswestry councillors will give their views on plans to convert the Top House pub in the village into an Indian restaurant.

Members of Weston Rhyn Parish Council are due to discuss the proposal on Monday.

Campaigners in Kinnerley say they are in a race against time to save the Cross Keys pub.

Report by Sue Austin

After a series of planning applications by the owner, a developer from the Midlands, the parish council has successfully registered the property as a community asset.

This means the council has the right to prevent the owner selling to anyone else - but only for a period of six months.

Now the Cross Keys Action Group is trying to apply for grants and other funding with the aim of putting in a bid for the pub.

John Dyson, a member of the action group, said: "We have until Christmas Day but we need to have pledges of help in as soon as possible so that we can then apply for external funding.

"The pub is an essential part of village life and the loss of such an asset would strike right at the heart of Kinnerley - not least because of its situation in the centre of the village."

Shropshire County Councillor Arthur Walpole said: "I helped when the community registered the Cross Keys as a community asset and

I very much hope that it can put together a bid to keep it as a village pub."

In Four Crosses about 600 people have signed a petition against plans to redevelop the Four Crosses pub.

The pub closed earlier this year after a turnover of succession of tenants.

Developer Eagle Court Development Ltd has applied to Powys County Council for planning permission to convert the pub into three homes and build two others on the site.

One of those against the development, retired schoolmaster Glyn James, said: "In the past 25 years there have literally been hundreds of new houses built in Four Crosses so to add a few more is hardly necessary at the expense of a village amenity.

"That the inn is no longer viable in its present form is undeniable.

"However, this pub was formerly a thriving business and if renovated properly it could be a valuable asset to the community again."

No date for a decision on the application to be made has yet been set by Powys County Council.



Councillor Arthur Walpole

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# Shuttle bus deal is further blow to town, say traders

By Sue Austin

A BUYOUT of a planned park and ride scheme, linking Oswestry's new shopping and cinema complex with the town centre, has been branded a further blow to the town's future.

Developers behind the multi-million pound scheme for a cinema, supermarket and shops and restaurants have been given permission to drop the condition for a shuttle bus linking the complex with the town centre.

## Meeting to take place to discuss transport

BUS passengers in Oswestry are being asked to share their views on local services at a public meeting this weekend.

Campaign group Bus Users Shropshire has organised the meeting on Saturday following a drop-in session held three months ago at which more than 80 comments were received.

The public meeting will collect more comments and will provide feedback from the August session.

It will be held in the Memorial Hall in Smithfield Street at 10.30am.

All comments are welcome and will be passed on to the relevant bus operator and to Shropshire Council.

The group would also like to hear from people who want to join it to work for continuing and better bus services.

Anyone who is unable to make the meeting but would like to make a comment can contact Bus Users Shropshire on Facebook, by email to bususersshropshire@hotmail.co.uk or by calling or texting 07580 564458.

Instead a one-off payment of £1.3 million is to be given to Shropshire Council to invest in the town's existing bus service.

But the owners of the award winning Upstairs Downstairs store, Yossi and Raine Gliksmen, say that the funds should be used instead to change the town centre traffic scheme and provide short stay free parking for shoppers.

Mr Gliksmen said the request to opt out of the park and ride condition had come as absolutely no surprise.

"I had never been able to see how the developer could afford to run a park and ride scheme for 20 years," he said.

"It was never going to happen."

"Park and ride was simply a carrot that was dangled by the developer to those councillors who granted planning permission for the scheme."

"Losing the park and ride is yet another blow for Oswestry town centre."

The couple say money should be spent on improving the town centre for shoppers.

"We have to re-open Cross Street to traffic and get some free on street parking for those people who want to support their local traders," they said.

## Detailed pylon plan up for discussion



National Grid project officer Nathan Oliver-Taylor discusses the pylons with Whittington resident Philip Morris

DETAILED plans for where pylons will go to carry a 33-mile power line across the countryside near Oswestry and Welshpool have been put on show.

A new map showing the exact route of the 400kv line was on display at Whittington Senior Citizens Hall near Oswestry for the first in the latest series of consultations organised by National Grid.

Those who attended remained divided over whether the controversial project was justified.

The new line would run from a planned electricity sub-station at Cefn Coch near Welshpool to Lower Frank-

ton, passing between Oswestry and Welshpool.

The line would use low height lattice pylons, which are 38 metres tall, through Powys, then run underground through part of the Meifod valley before coming back above ground and travelling on 35 metre tall T pylons through Shropshire.

Among those who attended the drop-in session on Monday was retired teacher Philip Morris. He said: "It sounds like they've got all the answers to my questions. I asked a lot of questions and they didn't stumble with any. It seems as if they're going to

be quite sympathetic in how they put the pylons in. I think it will be quite straightforward now, providing they carry out what they have said they will do."

But local resident Frank Davis, 52, from Babbinswood, said he was still opposed to the pylons.

He said: "It's been presented very well but do I agree with the plan? No. I don't think the wind farm or turbines are value for money and I don't see why we should have this power line blotted across the countryside."

Consultation sessions will be held in numerous villages until January 17.

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## Tree of Light will be turned on in town

LEGENDARY Welsh goal-keeper Dai Davies will be in Oswestry this weekend to switch on the town's Tree of Light.

The keeper will be the special guest of Oswestry Rotary Club, which has arranged for the tree to stand in front of the town's Sainsbury's supermarket.

The supermarket has donated mulled wine and mince pies for the switch-on, which takes place at 5.30pm on Saturday, while music will be provided by the Ifton Colliery Band. People can make a donation to the Tree of Light scheme and write a message to a loved one to go on the tree.

Jayne Middleton from the Rotary Club said: "Christmas is a time to celebrate with loved ones, look back fondly over happy years and to remember those we have loved and lost."

"For many it can also be a time of sadness, when the loss of a loved one is most keenly felt, a time when we particularly remember those people whom we love but, sadly, see no longer."

"However, the Tree of Light is not only about remembering those we have lost. It is also about celebrating, a time to be glad and grateful for all of the gifts we have received and to remember how good life has been to us."

## Man and dog are rescued

A MAN and his dog had to be rescued by firefighters after getting stuck on a cliff face at Nesscliffe Hill Country Park.

The dog had got lost on Tuesday night and the owner returned to the beauty spot yesterday (Wednesday) to find it. The dog was on a rock ledge and after reaching him, the owner also got stuck.

# Anti-drilling campaigners get ready for colder weeks

**THE winter weather is starting to bite, but campaigners at an anti-drilling camp say they are prepared to sit out whatever the elements throw at them.**

For some of those who are living at 'Castle Dudleston' a makeshift camp on the site of a planned exploratory drill site for a company wanting to extract coal bed methane, it will be the second winter they have spent living an outdoor life in their campaign against unconventional gas extraction.

Half a dozen 'protectors' as they like to be called, moved onto the site on Brooklands Farm at Dudleston between St Martins and Ellesmere at the end of the summer.

The ongoing campaign follows several public meetings and a protest march in Oswestry by people worried about the impact the coal bed methane plans will have on the environment in the wider area.

Over the weeks a wooden castle, built from pallets, corrugated metal and waterproof tarpaulins have replaced tents at Castle Dudleston and a remarkable amount of furniture, from sofas to log burning stoves, has been carried across fields to make their home as cosy as possible.

Supporters have been donating items, from old sleeping bags and quilts to food, from batteries to wood for log burners. The protectors are now sitting out the time until the next Shropshire Council meeting on December 16 when councillors will decide whether to rubber stamp their recent in principle decision to overturn planning officers' guidance and refuse permission for the exploratory drilling.

One of the residents, known only as 'Yellow Belly' said: "The weather is not a problem the castle is holding well - even against the recent winds."

"For us this is the second winter we endeavour to

By Sue Austin

fight on to protect the land and its fauna and flora. Unconventional extraction has no place at sea or land."

He and the other protectors said they had been delighted by the in principle decision. He said: "The decision by the council to object has installed much needed faith in humanity. We have so much admiration and respect for the eight councillors who voted against the industry. These are the people who care and who protect the people who have elected them."

The opposition continues as North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson welcomed Government plans to drill hundreds of boreholes across the country to prove the safety of controversial fracking. The former Environment Secretary said drilling for shale gas could bring "enormous opportunity and prosperity to rural areas".

Mr Paterson said: "I am strongly in favour of fracking. It really is important to convince people. There is absolutely no way we are cutting corners or cutting down the rigour of our environmental regulation, and done professionally and properly there is nothing to fear."

The Government says it is committed to supporting activity such as methane extraction and fracking.



Protestors Freeborn and Kate keep an eye on the wood burner at the Dudleston camp

## War planes will feature at popular air show

A DISPLAY by replica First World War planes will be the feature attraction at an air show next year.

Nine replica aircraft will take part in a choreographed display at the Bob Jones Memorial Air Show in Welshpool.

Organisers said they are delighted to have signed up the Great War Display Team to the event which attracts thousands of spectators each year.

The show is held in memory of Welshpool man Bob Jones who died in a plane crash on Long Mountain near the town in January 1912.

Mr Jones, 60, had been flying in a Piper Navajo plane with former easyJet pilot Steve Carr, 55, from Ruthin, North Wales, when the plane came

down after hitting cloud covered trees. Both men were killed.

Mr Jones founded Mid Wales Airport in Welshpool and was one of the town's most well-known residents before his death.

The Welshpool Air Show was re-named in his honour after he died.

Martin Evans, show spokesman, said: "The organising committee of the Bob Jones Memorial Airshow at Welshpool Airport are pleased to confirm that the Great War Display Team are booked to display at next year's show on June 14th."

"In these centenary years, what could be a more fitting display for the skies overhead Welshpool? Nine replica aircraft, of five different types will

perform choreographed dogfights right above our heads."

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Mr Evans added: "The 2014 air show was an overwhelming success both on the ground and in the air. This year we are looking to book a bumper show of eclectic flying displays that will top even that." For more information, visit: [www.welshpoolairshow.co.uk](http://www.welshpoolairshow.co.uk)

## Talks on changes to day centre care

OSWESTRY Equality Group will be discussing the changes which have been made to day centres in the town over the past year at its next meeting.

It is over a year since Shropshire Council announced the closure and relocation of The Lorne Street and Avalon Day Centres. Penny Rice, speaking for the group, said: "We have invited Gavin Bayliss, day services manager, and Ruth Houghton who is head of social care, efficiency and improvement, both from Shropshire Council. We hope that they will explain the reasons behind this decision and how people have been affected."

The meeting is on Thursday at 7.30pm in St Oswald's Church Parish Rooms, Church Street. Admission costs £1.

## Man faces court over rape claims

AN Oswestry man has appeared in court to deny four charges of rape and two of sexual assault.

Borislav Ivanov, 33, of Llys Road, Oswestry, appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Monday.

Three of the allegations related to April 5 this year, the hearing was told.

The further three allegations related to August 28 this year, the court heard. Ivanov denied all the allegations.

He was remanded in custody to appear back at the court for trial on February 11.

## Familiar figure to attend festive fair

SANTA Claus will be the guest of honour at a village's Christmas fair this weekend.

There will be stalls and games with a chance to do some early Christmas shopping at the event at Llansilin Village Hall on Saturday.

The Christmas Fair will start at 10am.

Organisers say the fair's grand draw will be held at noon.

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# Campaigners delighted at village's crossing promise

By Sue Austin

**VILLAGERS are celebrating after winning the promise of a pedestrian crossing for a busy road close to their primary school.**

Shropshire Council has given the go-ahead for a zebra crossing on St Martins Road in Gobowen near Oswestry.

Work to build the crossing could start earlier in the new year. The decision is a triumph for the grandmother who started a campaign for a crossing almost two years ago. Dot Basham said she was delighted that Shropshire Council had now agreed to the request.

Mrs Basham decided to take matters into her own hands after being horrified by the speed of traffic on St Martins Road when she takes her granddaughter Caitlin, now eight, to school each day.

"It was just after Christmas 2013 when I decided to start a petition for a crossing."

"Within days we had got hundreds of signatures, such is the strength of feeling in Gobowen," Mrs Basham, a retired transport manager, said.

She said that at one time there had been hopes that Shropshire Council might have agreed to a pelican crossing at the site.

The safety campaigner said: "That turned out to be over optimistic."

"However, we are absolutely delighted that at last the St Martins Road will have a crossing."

"I understand that plans could go to Gobowen Parish Council as early as its December meeting with work starting in the new year."

"The crossing will help not only children going to school but everyone that has to cross that road at anytime of the day."

"People are continuing to speed along the road. Recently I saw mothers with children in the car not only driving far too fast but using their mobile phones. It is so dangerous."

"I have lived here for 36 years and when my girls were at the school we had not one but two lollipop attendants in the village."

"It was when the last one finished that it became noticeable just how dangerous the road is."

Families throughout the village have supported Mrs Basham's campaign and Gobowen Primary School has also got on board, organising a competition for children to design warning signs which were placed along St Martins Road urging motorists to stick to the speed limit.

Residents have reported numerous near misses as youngsters try to get across the busy road for lessons.

Highways bosses installed Vehicle Activated Signs last year on St Martins Road in a bid to slow traffic. The signs light up a warning telling motorists they have breached the 30mph limit.

## Drummer Roger at shoot



Roger Taylor, back, centre, enjoyed a weekend shooting near Oswestry

IT was a mini-break for Queen drummer Roger Taylor that might have had fellow band member and animal campaigner Brian May in despair.

Fresh from giving up his time to help record Band Aid 30, Taylor travelled to a pub near Oswestry for two days game shooting.

He joined a host of friends from the music industry, staying at the West Arms in Llanarmon in the picturesque Ceiriog Valley.

It was the second year running that the silver haired rock star, now sporting a beard, had taken part in the game shoot.

Gill Leigh-Ford, owner of the West Arms, said: "The mini-break was organised by Mark Fenwick from the London department store and everyone seemed to be in-

volved in the music business in some way or another.

"They were all very good friends and they were all very relaxed in each other's company."

Mrs Leigh-Ford said the shooting party took out 10 rooms and enjoyed two evenings in the hotel.

Roger Taylor was the drummer with legendary 70s group Queen, alongside singer Freddie Mercury, guitarist Brian May and John Deacon.

While Taylor and May remain close friends and continue to work together in the band, their views on hunting are clearly at odds. May is a well known activist against animal cruelty.

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# Listing plea for tollhouse wins councillors' support

By Sue Austin

**AN ancient tollhouse could be saved from demolition if a bid to English Heritage to list it proves successful.**

Oswestry Town Council is to invite English Heritage to list the Gatehouse, now a private dwelling, on Shrewsbury Road, as a building of historical importance, despite some saying that there was very little of the original house remaining.

The call follows a planning application from the discount food chain Aldi to build a store on the surrounding land and to demolish the tollhouse. Councillors at a town council meeting voted by eight votes to three

## Fears over helicopter are allayed

FEARS that a helicopter used by the police force which covers Welshpool would be scrapped have been allayed after it was confirmed it will keep flying.

Dyfed-Powys Police had feared it would lose its helicopter and see it replaced by either a plane or a shared craft with another force.

But Christopher Salmon, the force's commissioner, has confirmed it will have a new helicopter delivered early next year at a cost of £890,000 a year.

Mr Salmon said the current helicopter, based at the force airfield in Pembrey, Carmarthenshire, will be replaced with a new model soon.

He said: "This is great news for communities across our four counties."

"I've been determined for this police force to improve air cover across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys. This force covers a huge area - more than half of Wales - and policing locations so far apart brings unique challenges."

Mr Salmon and Chief Constable Simon Prince have spent several months working towards a deal with the new National Police Air Service (NPAS) which is being rolled out following a review of air support for England and Wales. The deal will see Dyfed-Powys's own helicopter remain at Pembrey then be replaced at the same airport by an Airbus EC135 helicopter owned and maintained by NPAS.

votes to ask English Heritage to list the Gatehouse.

Councillor Sandy Best, who proposed a motion to go to English Heritage, said the building was one of the main tollhouses that had been part of Thomas Telford's route to Holyhead.

"We have already lost six of the tollhouses in this area, including two in Oswestry itself," she said.

"This building is of high historical value. If we lost this we will contribute to the erosion of our visual, physical history."

"Will we in future have to go to Blist Hill Museum to see a tollhouse or read about it on the interpretation board that Aldi is proposing to put up in place of the building?"

Councillor Chris Schofield said that neither English Heritage nor Oswestry Civic Society had expressed concerns about the possible demolition of the building.

"This building has none of the original feature left," he said.

Where do we draw the line at listing buildings? It is the current owners of the building I feel sorry for."

Former teacher, Councillor Rebecca Evans said: "However little of the original elements are left, it is still important."

"History is brought to life so much more for children if there is something to see rather than just looking at a drawing."

Councillor Margaret Chamberlain said: "The building is part of Oswestry's heritage."

"If it goes it can never be replaced, we should treasure these buildings."

At the beginning of the meeting a spokesman for Aldi told councillors that a heritage expert had inspected the building and said that there was so little of the original left, there was little chance of it being accepted for listing.

She said that if Aldi was given planning permission for its new store, it would install an interpretation board with historical photographs and information about tollhouses to mark that one had stood on the site.

## College restaurant expands



Students Chloe Williams and Matthew Conde are ready to serve customers

A STUDENT-run restaurant will be expanding its menu to include morning coffee and cakes as well as its current lunchtime service.

Scholars Restaurant at Walford & North Shropshire College will be open from 10am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for coffee and cake.

On offer to customers at the restaurant at the college will be a selection of barista-style coffees and home baked cakes for £1.50.

Although the restaurant is on the Oswestry campus, it is open to the public to meet up with friends, have meetings with business visitors or just relax, bosses at the college say.

Dan Tompson, hospitality and catering

lecturer at the college, said: "It's fantastic for the restaurant to expand and for students to practise their barista and customer service skills."

"We look forward to welcoming new visitors to the restaurant."

The £150,000 training restaurant at the college was opened last year during a ribbon-cutting ceremony by TV celebrity chef Marcus Bean.

The students are taught by chef Dan Tompson, who worked alongside Marcus Bean at the New Inn at Baschurch.

Scholars Restaurant is staffed by students studying towards their professional chef diploma at Levels 1 and 2.

The restaurant opened to the public in November.

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## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

As someone who spends lots of his time on trains and planes, receiving a wheel-fitted suitcase which fits snugly into overhead lockers was a very welcome gift.

So imagine my shock this week on hearing that my perfect gift could well be on the way to extinction - well if the Venetians have their way.

The wheeled suitcase has been a wonderful invention, ending years of struggling with clumsy bags and cases, and improving the lives of millions of travellers across the world.

Well those travellers won't be heading to Venice anymore for very kind residents, who are normally only used to hearing the noise of water lapping against canal walls, are about to ban the use of wheeled suitcases.

The argument is that the sound of cases being hauled along the town's famous alleyways and across sprawling squares at all times of day and night is spoiling the peaceful environment.

Politicians, who clearly have very little else to do, have passed a law banning the use of wheeled-suitcases, with tourists now facing the task of carrying their carefully packed holiday pants and socks across the city.

The popularity of the wheeled-suitcase has exploded in recent years and really is a "must-have" for the modern-day traveller, who needs to move around quickly.

Unsurprisingly the good people of Venice have taken a bit of stick about the decision this week and I'm only too pleased to join in, having only just taken delivery of a gleaming new four wheeled beauty.

If more are to follow suit I doubt there's enough room in the recycling skips of Europe to cope with the number of cases set to be dumped.

It's not an April Fool's joke by the way, this really has happened in Venice. So I for one won't be visiting that beautiful city. You can keep your canals, I've only just made friends with my new set of wheels.

Imagine the reaction if the councillors of Oswestry and Welshpool were to ban wheeled shopping trolleys from our streets - now there's a thought!

There was more amazing news from Europe this week with plans revealed to improve the quality of washing-up gloves.

If approved, gloves currently on sale would need to be pulled off shelves and binned all because some bankers EU official says they should be more rigorously tested.

This could be the end of Margolds as we know them and the most ridiculous diktat since someone came up with the idea of banning powerful vacuum cleaners to help tackle climate change. Why are we listening to these idiotic Eurocrats?



Man mountain wrestler Mason Ryan introduces himself to intrepid reporter Andrew Morris



Andrew Morris is given a quick lesson on the art of wrestling at Welshpool Town Hall



Mason Ryan became one of the stars of the WWE, wrestling in front of packed audiences

# Tough lesson handed out at wrestling fight night

**Fearless reporter ANDREW MORRIS enters the ring with a legendary wrestling superstar in Welshpool**

**HE stands six foot six inches tall and weighs more than 21 stone - most of which is solid muscle.**

And he has his foot forced down on my chest.

Ladies and gentlemen, meet Mason Ryan, "The Porthmadog Powerhouse", a colossal brick tower of a man who has taken on some of the biggest names in the business, including Triple H, John Cena and Randy Orton.

And now the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Superstar is giving me - a novice - a taste of what it takes to become one of the greatest wrestlers in the world.

## Slamming

Apparently it involves headlocks, sleeper holds and slamming me on to the canvas right in the middle of Welshpool Town Hall. Don't, whatever you do, tell him that all wrestling is "fake".

"People can say what they like about wrestling," says Mason, real name Barri Griffiths. "But there's no way you can fake being slammed onto the ground by a guy twice your size."

He's right. And you can take that from me. We're in Welshpool Town Hall, where, on this Friday night, a Welsh Wrestling all-star event is taking place, featuring Mason, three-time Welsh Heavyweight Champion Stevie Starr, masked man of mystery Magico and larger-than-life behemoth Big Dog.

"We've been coming to Welshpool for years," says Welsh Wrestling promoter Alan Ravenhill. "It's one of our favourite towns to work in."



Reporter Andrew Morris and wrestler Mason Ryan make friends

"The town hall crowd are always hot, and we were hoping that by adding a WWE star to the show, it will repay the fans for their loyalty and I think it's worked."

"Wrestling is still incredibly popular across the world - always has been and I hope it always will be."

"There is something about a good guy and a bad guy squaring off against each other which has always appealed to fans of all ages through the generations."

"Children and adults love it and whether you are watching the WWE or Welsh Wrestling, there is something for everyone to cheer or boo and it is something families can watch together."

It's certainly a popular sport, and has moved far away from the Saturday afternoon wrestling bouts of Big Daddy and Giant Haystacks that many of us will remember watching on TV.

Nowadays there is the likes of John "The Machine" Titan, another towering figure, but one with a real story of overcoming the odds.

In 2007, he was hospitalised with a bowel disease that saw him laid up for three months.

"I went from 17st down to 11st and they told me I was highly unlikely to but the weight back on or ever be able to wrestle again or take part in contact sports again," he says.

"It just sucked all the life out of me." But The Machine refused to accept the doctors' verdict, got back in training and worked his way back up the ladder to become one of the top wrestlers in Wales.

"This is what I want to do," he tells me. "I didn't want to go down the usual road and wrestling is what I love to do. I want to see how far I can take it."

If he follows the example of Mason Ryan, then he could take it very far indeed. Mason first began wrestling in Wales for promoter Orig Williams, but was soon snapped up for Sky's re-make of Gladiators in the late 2000s.

With his impressive physique and charisma Mason quickly rose to fame, before WWE boss Vince McMahon signed him to a long-term contract and he moved to America.

"It was an absolute whirlwind and I can't believe where the last five years have gone," he admits. One minute I was wrestling with my colleagues here in Wales, the next I was making my debut in a main event match between the two biggest stars in the company, John Cena and CM Punk. All of a sudden I was thrust into the spotlight of 20,000 people in the arena watching me - and millions more across the globe.

"It was a surreal moment but one I will always treasure."

## Achieved

"I loved my time in the WWE, it is the pinnacle of wrestling and I'm proud of what I achieved."

During the show at Welshpool Town Hall, Mason not only gave me a beating, but also pinned Kade Callous, who famously beat Lembit Opik at the same venue in 2012, and then went on to win a Battle Royale - a multi-competitor match in which wrestlers are eliminated until only one remains.

The fans loved all of it. And it seems the smiles extend to the competitors.

"It has been six years since I've wrestled at the town hall in Welshpool and since then I've wrestled all over the world with the WWE, but wrestling in front of my home nation is always a very special moment to me," says Mason.

"You haven't seen the last of Mason Ryan," he said.

I hope that's true - but I also hope that when I do see him again, Mason will be in the ring, and I'll be safe in the audience.

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Owen Paterson MP

On Monday I gave a speech to Business for Britain setting out my views on the future of Europe. I strongly believe that the Conservative election manifesto should include a pledge to invoke Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, triggering a two-year negotiation on the terms of a British exit.

The aim of this should be to ensure that the UK leaves the political aspects of the EU and retains a free trade arrangement with our continental neighbours.

To gain real border control, it is necessary not just to quit the EU but to replace the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act with a new British Bill of Rights, which would stop the absurdity of Britain not being able to deport asylum seekers because, according to UK judges, France is not a "safe country."

The economic single market and the political EU are not the same thing. We are perfectly at liberty to pursue participation in the single market without being saddled with the EU as a political project. Those such as the CBI, who confuse the memberships of the Single Market and the EU, are making a basic error and misleading the British people.

Britain outside the political arrangements of the EU would gain rather than lose influence. At present, it has one twenty eighth of one seat on the World Trade Organisation because membership is extended to the EU, not Britain. We are set to be the largest economy in Europe and the fifth largest in the world. The English language is the language of world trade. We have exceptionally close relationships with not only the US but the whole of the Anglosphere: Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

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You have several options for protecting the business for future generations but you need to find the solution that best suits your individual needs. Any assets held by your son could be claimed against by his wife in financial matters pertaining to divorce. The Court will look at several factors as set out in statute when deciding how to divide the matrimonial assets fairly. Seeking legal advice from a law firm with expertise in family law as well as company and commercial law would be a good place to start.

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That prayer works, is beyond dispute. How prayer works is a mystery, but throughout the Bible God is seen to answer prayer in response to situations or personal circumstances, and He continues to do so, as long as the prayer is in accordance to His will and the prayer abides in Christ - John 15.7. I accepted Christ as my Saviour over 20 years ago and have received many, many answers to prayer, not least of which has been physical healing. I can testify to being healed either instantly or over a period of a few days of migraine, excruciating kidney stones, athlete's foot, painful skin eruptions, arthritic joints and toothache. I neither consulted doctors nor dentists, nor will I. Christ alone is my healer. The Gospel of Christ and the ravages of sin cover not only the spirit and soul, but also the body. Christ is willing to heal, but because His Church is not willing to believe and proclaim it, hospitals remain full.

His Gospel (or Good News) never offers to make bad men good, but, if received, it guarantees to make dead men alive.

**TONY SUTTON**  
Berriew

## Lucas head above rest

I DIDN'T know too much about the policies of the Green Party, but having watched BBC Question Time Caroline Lucas was so good, she managed to out-maneuvre everyone else on the programme.

None of the other parties represented came across at all well. Owen Paterson was non-democratic as usual. I just hope the Greens concentrate on marginal seats in Shropshire, in order to make a difference to our county.

**JAN NOLASCO-SMITH**  
Oswestry

I JUST felt compelled to write in support of the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Orthopaedic Hospital at Oswestry, both of which have given me great support during my illness.

The haematology unit in Shrewsbury diagnosed me with a rare blood condition over 11 years ago and after giving me blood transfusions for six hours, they did lots of tests and scans to find out why my white cells were killing my red cells.

Now, with regular blood tests and intravenous treatment, I am having a good quality of life. I would like to

thank all blood donors who regularly give blood. Living here in Wales near the English border we have raised thousands of pounds towards the Lingen Cancer and Haematology Centre at the RSH. Years ago we had many money-raising events towards the Cobalt Unit.

A few years ago I collapsed and was taken to Telford Hospital for blood transfusions.

This made me realise that the A&E department should remain at Shrewsbury Hospital.

That extra journey to Telford could

be a killer especially if there were hold-ups due to a road accident, queuing holiday traffic or road works which would slow up ambulances and take up valuable time.

We don't seem to have support from the Welsh Assembly here in Mid and North Powys; everything seems to be about South Wales.

Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth, needs to be upgraded but they seem to be trying to downgrade it. This hospital would support North West Powys.

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## Caravans moved on from colliery site



The last caravan is towed away after an encampment was cleared from the old Ifton Colliery site on May 25, 1973. Over 25 police officers were drafted in from Oswestry and Shrewsbury when 30 caravans - the story at the time described them as "tinker caravans" - were moved on.

## It is time to reorganise this union

WITH demands for extra money by the EU and figures showing record number of EU immigrants in our cities and elsewhere in the UK, Ukup must feel Christmas has come early.

But who funds Ukup? Except for leaving EU, what is their vision of a future under Ukup?

We live in a smaller world. We can't ignore Europe. If we want to go back to our Empire days, that won't happen.

That died 100 years ago on Flanders Fields.

Our only future is to reorganise the EU together. There are great faults but we can work together. The alternative is not clear or what benefit to the UK.

**JOHN R BROWN**  
Shrewsbury

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## We inherit beliefs from our families

I BELIEVE that the majority of people inherit their belief from their family and where they were born.

As children none of us is capable of keeping an open mind until we are old enough to think things out for ourselves.

As the song from South Pacific says, "you've got to be taught to love and hate". Born in a Muslim country, you become a Muslim, in a Christian country you become a Christian and so on.

Some people do convert later in life but the majority stay with what they were raised with and then pass it on to their children.

**TERRY HILLIER**  
Four Crosses

## There's a con in new tax set-up

I WONDER how many motorists have realised that they have been conned by this Government and the DVLA over a cleverly concealed increase in vehicle excise duty or road tax as most people know it.

It is no longer possible to pass on any remaining road tax when selling your vehicle. The seller now receives an automatic refund but only for every complete month that remains. The buyer then has to tax the car and that will start from the beginning of the month during which the transfer took place.

The result is that both seller and buyer are paying road tax for the same car over the same month.

**JON LAKIN**  
Shrewsbury

## Building a bypass will not save lives

SOME years ago I became involved in a heated debate in newspaper letters columns when it was argued that the high rate of road accidents in Pant justified a bypass scheme.

My suspicions were aroused and I questioned the statistics. Lo and behold it turned out the grisly record of the Llyncllys crossroads had most misleadingly been included in the Pant/Llanymynech figures, when of course this junction belongs to another village entirely.

It would, of course, be lovely for the people of Pant and Llanymynech to have their villages transformed into a rural idyll, not least because the value of every house in the area would rocket overnight. But I can think of many things, in a still-straitened economy, on which the huge amount of taxpayers' money involved would be better spent.

Life enhancing cancer drugs available elsewhere in Europe, more nurses, more teachers, up-grading the A5/A483 between Shrewsbury and Ruabon; the list is endless.

Above all, building bypasses does not save lives, as the Oswestry bypass so tragically demonstrated.

When traffic crawled through the town, nobody got hurt. Now it speeds round the edge, and people die.

**SAM EVANS**  
Oswestry

## Time for us to stand up

FRIENDS, Salopians, Countymen. I write here to bury Shropshire not to praise it.

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**Step up to see town theatre show**  
AUDIENCES in Oswestry are being urged to take steps – 39 of them to be precise – to secure their tickets for the next production by the Attfield Theatre.

John Buchan's classic *The 39 Steps* is a story of murder and espionage and has been adapted for the stage by Patrick Barlow. It will be directed at Oswestry's Attfield stage by Debs Watson. She said: "In this fast paced spoof spy thriller, there is dashingly handsome hero complete with pencil moustache and stiff-upper-lip encountering murder, secret agents and pretty ladies in what promises to be an hilarious evening out."

The production runs from Monday to Saturday.

For tickets, priced £7, call the box office on (01691) 680222.

**Snow Queen tale to come to life**

YOUNG actors and actresses will be bringing Hans Christian Anderson's story *The Snow Queen* to life in two performances.

Members of Tanat Junior Theatre will be acting out the exciting battle between good and evil tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday at the Green School Theatre, Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant.

Evening performances start at 7.30pm, and there is a matinee performance on Saturday at 2.30pm.

Tickets to the show are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children.

# Homes plan rejected over worries about historic site

Report by Sue Austin

**PLANS for a dozen new homes in a village have been rejected after fears the houses would detract from the adjacent historic Offa's Dyke.**

Developers RF Trustee Company Ltd wanted to build the homes north of Whitridge Way in Trefonen, near Oswestry.

But councillors went against the advice of planning officers and refused permission at a meeting of Shropshire Council's north planning committee.

Councillors said Oswestry Rural Parish Council had objected and that residents wanted the area to be seen as open countryside.

Councillor Joyce Barrow, who was unable to vote, said that a local village plan had stated that the area should be classified as open countryside.

"Trefonen has already doubled in size in the last 20 years, much of that development in the last 10 years," she said.

"It is a rural village and this threatens to alter the character of the area. We know that developers and builders want to build in areas like Trefonen. But this does not mean that there is a need to build.

"We must not allow building all over our open countryside."

Historian Dr George Nash spoke objecting to the development because of its effect on not only Offa's Dyke but also the Offa's Dyke footpath. This part of the footpath was, he said, once an 18th century watercourse linking Trefonen with the historical industry of the time.

Parish councillor Tony Cheetham said 400 letters of objection showed the strength of feeling against the plans.

"I live on Offa's Dyke and I know its importance to the area," he said.

## Warm praise for hospital

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital has been praised by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson after a visit.

Mr Paterson met hospital trust chief executive Wendy Farrington-Chad to discuss the hospital's expansion plans.

He said he was delighted to learn that the hospital is making full use of its recent status as a foundation trust.

"I was pleased to learn that the hospital is looking at seven-day working rather than the current six days – this reflects the national reputation of the hospital as a centre of excellence," he said.

"It was good to meet Wendy Farrington-Chad again and catch up on the progress of the orthopaedic hospital.

"The orthopaedic is immensely important to the local area. Staff numbers have recently increased to 1,400 and turnover is up to £90million.

"The hospital has an international reputation second to none."

## Pupils get taste of college life



Faye Edwards and Varrara Kovcheva do screen-printing

HUNDREDS of secondary school pupils have had the chance to experience college life by taking part in a taster day at Walford and North Shropshire College.

A total of 320 pupils from Lakelands Academy in Ellesmere, St Martins School in St Martins and The Corbet School in Baschurch attended a taster day to sample academic and vocational courses at the college's Oswestry and Walford campuses.

In addition another 400 students from the Marches in Oswestry have also been trying out college life.

Jess Loomba, 14 to 19 partnership coordinator, said the taster sessions had gone very well adding: "The pupils were brilliant and enjoyed taking part in the interactive sessions."

Among the activities on offer was screen-printing session with lecturer Faye Edwards.

Personal tours of the college are available to anyone who did not have the opportunity to attend the taster day by calling (01691) 688087.

## Hundreds caught on phone in vehicles

MORE than 400 motorists were caught using their mobile phone while behind the wheel during a police crackdown.

Dyfed-Powys Police, which serves people in the Welshpool area, said it handed out fines to 447 people who were using their phones while driving during the two-week All Wales Anti-Mobile Phone While driving campaign.

Chief Inspector Darren Wareing, of the Roads Policing Unit, said: "It is disappointing that so many drivers chose to ignore our warnings. Even the most experienced or competent of drivers can be easily distracted and a slight lapse in concentration can have serious consequences.

"Along with drink driving, speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and driving carelessly, using a mobile phone behind the wheel, whether it be texting, using an app, or making a phone call is classed as one of the 'Fatal 5' - the five most common causes of fatal road traffic collisions.

"With the increased use of smart phones we are seeing drivers being distracted whilst accessing their apps, reading their e-mails or accessing the internet.

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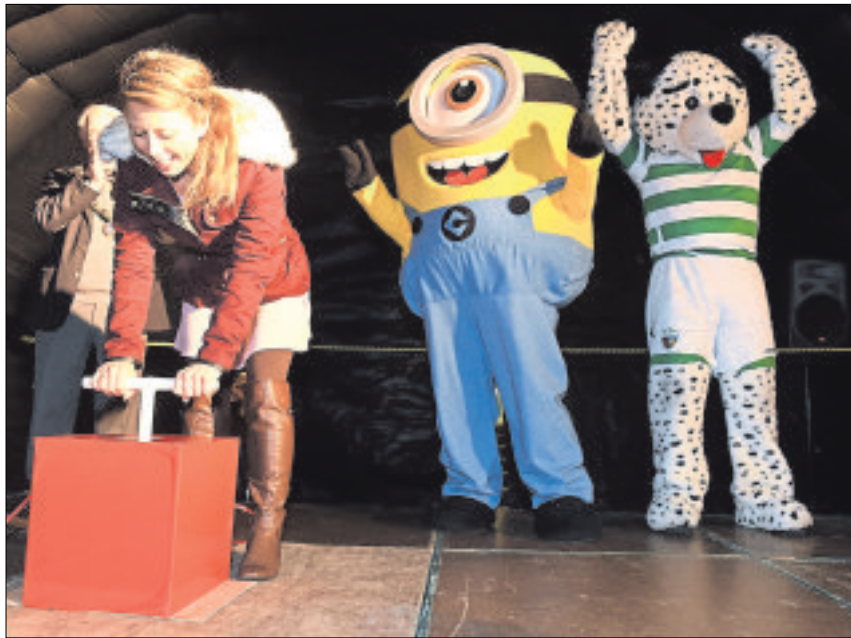
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# Light hiccup can't halt seasonal fun



Super marathon runner Amy Hughes turns on the Christmas lights in Oswestry

Report by Pam Kingsley

IT didn't quite go according to plan – but despite an electrical hiccup hundreds of people cheered as Oswestry's Christmas lights flickered into life.

As the town's fundraising marathon runner Amy Hughes pressed the plunger to light up the streets, only a few of the bulbs came on.

But as the electricity filtered through to the Christmas tree on Bailey Head, there were cheers from the crowd which grew as the lights spread around the town.

Amy, who has shot to fame for completing 53 marathons in 53 days for charity, was joined at the switch-on by Mayor John Gareth Jones, a minion from the film Despicable Me and The New Saints mascot Spot the Dog. People young and old turned out in force to celebrate the occasion, which included music from children who serenaded the crowds and a snow machine which helped create a wintery atmosphere on Bailey Head.

Amy said: "I love Christmas and I can't believe the turnout. I've never been asked to do anything like this before but it's very exciting."

Councillor Jones thanked everyone who took part in the event.

In a further festive boost, shoppers visiting Oswestry will be able to park for free during afternoons in the fortnight up to Christmas.

Oswestry Town Council has agreed to a request from Oswestry Chamber of Commerce to allow free parking on its three car parks from 2pm each day from December 15 to 24.



Entertainment was provided



Oswestry town centre was lit up



Hundreds attended the festive occasion in Oswestry

## Policing issues are raised

POLICE in Oswestry used the internet to connect with residents by taking part in an online Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meeting.

During the meeting Oswestry police sergeant Scott Barnes, along with Inspector Rik Klair and Sergeant Claire Greenaway answered questions and gave advice to people who logged in to the real-time text chat.

The officers were asked about the closure of police station front counters earlier this year and they admitted it had been a blow.

Sgt Barnes said: "The closure of station front counters was a decision that was based on the number of people using front counters and found there were very few.

"This is due to a combination of reasons including the reliance on emails and social media. It was felt that with alternative methods of contact being used savings could be made.

"It was a disappointment to lose the front counters but the question if the closures are going to plan can also be answered by the public, how has it affected them. As a service it is the views of the public which we should also take into consideration."

Other topics covered during the meeting included bicycle safety and security, drivers using mobile phones, and praise for a quiet Halloween with little trouble.

The online meeting was designed to allow people who normally don't get the opportunity to attend a physical

meeting to have a chance to take part from the comfort of their homes.

The full transcript of the meeting is available to read at [www.westmercia.police.uk/webchat](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/webchat)

Meanwhile police say they are hoping to raise more than half a million pounds through the sale of three former Shropshire police stations.

The former base in Ellesmere, on Grange Road, is expected to fetch about £150,000, while offices will replace the former Craven Arms station in Ludlow Road after that was sold by Towler Shaw Roberts (TSR) for the asking price of £175,000.

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experience of both selecting and drinking your bottles. Momentum Wines started life almost 10 years ago, initially on Oswald Road in Oswestry. The business moved three years ago to a much larger, purpose built warehouse in the town, on the Maes-y-Clawdd industrial estate - opposite Morgans - but the wine cellar within the warehouse is very much open to the public, and offers a world of choice.

Howard Jones, Momentum's Managing Director, explained what it is that the business strives to offer its customers. "Our range is made up of wine sourced from smaller growers generally - where, in our opinion, greater love, care and attention is evident throughout the entire winemaking process. We do of course offer all the every-day favourites - Chilean Merlot, Italian Pinot Grigio etcetera, but our expertise is in introducing customers to wines they maybe wouldn't have selected themselves. If a customer tells us they normally buy Pinot

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Of course the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Momentum Wines is having a two-day wine tasting event on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th December in its wine cellar. There will be 30 or 40 wines open to taste - and the event is free of charge. So why not pop down - and

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A sweet stall run by Gina Edwards proved a popular attraction during the Christmas Fair at Whittington Community Centre



Ten-year-old Shannon Jones ran a festive stall during the Christmas Fair which was held at Whittington Community Centre

# Craft fair a success

**CHRISTMAS** came early to a village near Oswestry when it hosted a Christmas craft fair.

Dozens of stalls selling everything from sweets to origami set up in Whittington Community Centre.

The fair attracted plenty of visitors throughout the day as they browsed the stalls manned by the local craftspeople.

It has become a regular fundraiser for Whittington Castle and was held in the community centre for the first time last year.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said: "Last year the

By Pam Kingsley

community centre came to the aid of Whittington Castle showing true community spirit at this seasonal time of year, as the event had too many stalls for the castle and the weather was against an outdoor event.

"We had a wide variety of stalls selling everything from sweets to leather items, textile and knitted items to origami products, with something to suit all tastes."

Stallholders filled tables with unusual items including bird tree decorations which pegged on

to branches, Father Christmas decorated wine bottle holders, knitted hats and scarves and brightly decorated masks. Visitors were also able to meet birds of prey, which took up residence in the car park for the afternoon, and to enjoy a drink and mince pie to get into the festive spirit.

Profits from the fair will go towards the upkeep of the castle, which is owned by the local community. The castle's tearoom, gift shop and second hand bookshop remain open throughout the winter from Thursday until Sunday each week, 10am to 4pm. Admission is free but there is a £1 car park charge which also goes towards the upkeep of the castle.



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LIDL bosses have reassured Welshpool councillors they will address issues of light and noise pollution with their proposed new store.

The retailer plans to build a shop in Mill Street creating 40 new jobs.

Councillors had expressed concerns over the plans, say the proposed site was unsuitable.

A presentation was given by the company to councillors to address the concerns raised.

Wendy Hurst, acquisitions manager for Lidl, said there would only be one delivery per day, and that noise and light assessments had been carried out and would be subject to any conditions imposed by planning officials when a decision is made.

**New number is a big success**

A NEW number for children, young people and families to use to contact Powys County Council is proving a success.

Powys People Direct was successfully launched across the county on October 30.

The first fortnight of operation has seen the team taking a number of calls on a daily basis with a broad range of enquiries.

From early 2015, adult services will be joining Powys People Direct to further improve the way people can contact the county council.

# Mayor urges residents to check facts about councils

By Andrew Morris

**WELSHPOOL residents should check their facts before criticising the town council, Mayor Malcolm Douglass has said.**

The mayor said some residents criticise the town council over issues which are in fact the responsibility of Powys County Council.

Warning that legal action will be taken against people who post untrue allegations on social media, the mayor said: "The town council wishes to inform residents of the role of the council and what it does."

"There are 16 town councillors, all elected, with one youth representative. The councillors meet every Wednesday during the year to make decisions and set policy which the town clerk then carries out reporting to the councillors and things progress."

"The town council is responsible for the town hall, markets, public toilets, tourist information office, The Armoury, country park, playgrounds, events including the Air Show, carnival, Christmas lights, Winter Festival and more, CCTV, station car park, meals on wheels, consultations and soon the day centre."

"The town council does not have responsibility for roads' design and upkeep, education, social services, planning, housing, street cleaning, rubbish collection, recycling, car parks, car parking controls and loading, library service and much more."

"Often the town councillors are blamed for actions taken by the county council. The town council asks that people check first before making any comments."

"Councillors encourage people to express their views, this is part of the democratic process. However there is a line to be drawn when it gets abusive and untrue accusations are made in the public arena."

## New body for dance service

A NEW charitable organisation will be set up to take over the running of a cash-strapped council's in-house dance service.

Powys County Council says it is externalising Powys Dance by setting up a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as it bids to save £70 million by 2020.

A new board of trustees will be formed and people have until December 15 to apply for a place.

Amanda Griffkin, manager of Powys Dance, said about the move: "Establishing a new independent organisation presents exciting opportunities for Powys Dance in its new form to access alternative funding from a wider variety of sources and to operate much more flexibly by engaging new partners and the community more actively in the planning and delivery of its future work."

## Internet craze plan launched



Alan Crowe and Amy Owen at Sainsbury's in Welshpool

AN entertainer says he is starting a new internet craze in a bid to raise money for charity.

Alan Crowe - or Ala Cra on the stage - said he is challenging his Facebook friends to pose for a "selfie" with one of the old-fashioned chocolate bars Sainsbury's is selling to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

The retail giant has launched its charity chocolate bar to mark 100 years since the start of World War One and ties in with its Christmas advert which shows how soldiers from both sides of the trenches came together on Christmas Day 1914 to play football.

Mr Crowe, who is also a member of Welshpool Royal British Legion, said he hoped to get 100 friends to take part to raise £1 for every year since the First World War.

He said: "I am calling on my Facebook friends to help me get a new craze thing going on the social media network."

## Deal on centre is agreed by authorities

DAY centre services in Welshpool could soon be provided by the town council.

As part of a series of cost-cutting measures, the Powys County Council has been asking town and community councils if they can take over the running of day services to ensure they can be kept going in the future.

Welshpool Town Council is now ready to sign an agreement to give older people in Welshpool the support and continuity of care that they currently receive from day services. Mayor Malcolm Douglass, said: "For many older people, a visit to the local day centre is also a place to make social connections and meet other members of the community."

"Welshpool Town Council is pleased we have reached agreement and can take forward the protection of another important service for the town."

Cllr Darren Mayor, Powys County Council's cabinet member for adult services, said: "Welshpool Town Council have actively engaged with the council in securing a future for the Westwood DayCentre, and over the coming months will develop a strategy to provide services from 2015 onwards."

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## Sister takes on skydive to raise cash for charity

A WOMAN who saw her brother die from an horrific disease within a week of falling ill has helped to raise more than £2,000 for the charity that raises awareness of its symptoms.

Paul Davies, known as Slim, from Ellesmere, died in December 2012 from the flesh eating bug, necrotising fasciitis. His family say he went to the doctor at the beginning of the week - and was dead by the end of it.

Sister Karen Schofield, from Oswestry, said that after struggling to come to terms with Paul's death, she decided she had to do something to try and ensure others did not die the same way. She teamed up with family friend, Rachael Cartwright to do a sponsored skydive in August and now the money, £2,305, has been handed over to the Lee Spark Necrotising Fasciitis Foundation, which was set up in memory of another victim who was just 23 when he died.

Mr Davies, 46, a refuse collector, had been diagnosed with diabetes but was otherwise healthy until he developed what doctors thought was an abscess in his groin.

"He quickly fell very ill, was taken into hospital and, by the end of the week he had lost his life," Mrs Schofield said. "The bacteria is so aggressive that very soon after his death we were advised that no one should go to see his body to pay their respects."

"It is an horrific illness and the year after Paul's death was awful for all the family. But after struggling for a long time I wanted to channel my anger at Paul's death into a more positive thing. So Rachael and I decided to raise some money and we did the skydive. We were amazed at everyone's kindness, from our families and friends to Paul's former work colleagues at the depots in Wem, Oswestry, Craven Arms and Shrewsbury."

## Famous tree in running for prize

LLANFYLLIN'S Lonely Tree will have to go up against a tree said to have been the hideout of Robin Hood and his Merry Men to win European Tree of the Year prize.

The Woodland Trust has announced the Major Oak in Sherwood Forest Country Park has won been voted England's tree of the year.

The oak in Nottinghamshire won almost a fifth (18 per cent) of nearly 13,000 votes cast in the public poll run by the conservation charity.

The tree will represent England in the European Tree of the Year contest, run by the Environmental Partnership Association, taking place in February.

It will join the Lonely Tree above Llanfyllin in Mid Wales, which was blown

over in the winter storms earlier this year, and Scotland's Lady Tree at Loch of the Lowes in Perthshire, home to the world's oldest breeding osprey, and which are representing their countries in the European competition. The Major Oak, thought to be between 800 and 1,000 years old, beat the ancient oak Old Knobbly in Essex and the Ickwell Oak in Bedfordshire to be crowned English tree of the year.

The Lonely Tree won the Welsh competition thanks to huge community support.

Organisations and councillors came to the tree's rescue after it was blown over in gales. It is hoped work to bury the roots in soil has helped save the tree, which has stood over the town of Llanfyllin for generations.

# Selection of sports on offer at college's activities festival

**HUNDREDS of students tried activities they may not have considered before at a sports festival held at their college.**

The opportunities were given when Walford and North Shropshire College in Oswestry hosted its second college sports festival.

A total of 380 students from the college took part in 16 different sports and physical activities during the festival.

The event was organised by Benji Evans, college sports maker.

The activity day was supported by local leisure providers, sports clubs and fitness workers.

By Pam Kingsley

Mr Evans said: "The college sports festival was a resounding success and it was a great opportunity for students to try out new activities, have some fun and learn new skills."

"The main purpose of the sports festival was to create a platform where students can gain access to a variety of activities which are not normally on offer. We are lucky to have so many proactive and professional people willing to give up their time to support the event and they have made the biggest contribution," he added.

A varied selection of sports was made available to the students during the festival.

Among the activities laid on were well known sports such as boxing, table tennis and dodgeball.

While less well known sports such as goalball and lacrosse were also made available while, dance fitness programme Zumba was also on offer as was Olympic weightlifting.

Mr Evans said: "The event is a great way for our college to engage and support local sports clubs, leisure and fitness providers and national organisations."

"This is an important element if our students are to adopt a healthy lifestyle and participate in regular exercise outside of college, particularly when they leave us for pastures new," Mr Evans added.

## Criticism of project

A SECOND organisation has objected to plans for a leisure development and marina in Ellesmere.

The plans, put forward by Nigel Thorns Planning Consultancy, have been criticised by The Canal and Rivers Trust over fears the huge development could "dwarf" nearby historic buildings.

It follows objections from the Inland Waterways Association which has raised fears it could turn the stretch of the canal into a "semi-urban" area.

The application would see 250 homes, a marina, hotel, restaurant and holiday cabins built south of Canal Way.

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# Town businesses are ready for festive fun



People young and old enjoy Ellesmere's Christmas festivities

## TRADERS and residents are gearing up for a busy Christmas in Ellesmere.

The festive season will be kicked off tomorrow (Friday) at the Ellesmere Winter Festival.

A whole host of events is planned for this year's festival. The fun starts at 6pm with the official switching on of the Christmas lights at 6.15pm. All sorts of activities for visitors young and old will follow including a tour of the town by Santas and his reindeers.

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Young visitors can meet Santa at the Market Hall while there will be free donkey rides available to young children by the car park. Other traditional Christmas events will include choir-singing, stalls, carols and hot food. Many of the town's traders will be opening later to allow some late night shopping.

The Winter Festival marks the beginning of Ellesmere's festive season

and once again there will be plenty going on this Christmas. An open house Christmas coffee morning will be held on Thursday next week by Ellesmere and District Age Concern Day Centre from 10am to 12.30pm. The event takes place at Ellesmere Town Hall.

A Christmas coffee morning and grand draw has been organised by The Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 6. The event will run from 10.30am to noon and will be held at Ellesmere Town Hall.

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## Detached bungalow situated in a popular village location

This deceptively spacious detached bungalow is situated in a most popular village location. Sycamore Bungalow in Whittington has accommodation comprising entrance hall with cloaks cupboard, lounge opening through to dining room, kitchen breakfast room, inner hallway, two double bedrooms, bathroom, cloak-room, attic room with heating and window, rear and front garden, ample parking. For sale at £195,000 with no chain. Contact Halls on 01691 670320.

## Spacious home has landscaped gardens

On a corner plot with land for development, Bradgate in St Martins, Oswestry is a beautifully appointed and spacious bungalow with landscaped gardens. It is for sale through Woodhead Estates at £249,950.

It has an entrance hall, a WC, dining room with wood-effect flooring and an archway through to the living room with built-in storage along one wall. There is also a conserv-

atory, a modern kitchen with an integrated wine rack, wall tiling, heated towel rail, space for a double oven with extractor fan over, space for fridge freezer and plumbing for a washing machine and space for a tumble dryer and plumbing for dishwasher. An inner hallway has feature floor lighting and leads to the master bedroom with wardrobes, two further bedrooms and a bathroom with

an impressive shower combination unit with sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, massage, radio and telephone. Outside is a driveway, a gate to the rear of the property and development land to the side, an attached single garage and landscaped front garden with a descending stream water feature, and a rear garden with a decked patio entertainment area. Contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044.



## Three bedroom property is close to amenities in town

Offered with no chain, 42 Cherry Tree Drive in Oswestry is a spacious three-bedroom semi detached house with two reception rooms and off road parking. Offers in the region of £124,950. The property benefits from upvc double glazing and gas central heating. There are gardens front and rear with driveway parking for two - three cars. All amenities are close at hand including shops, schools and public transport. Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 for more details.



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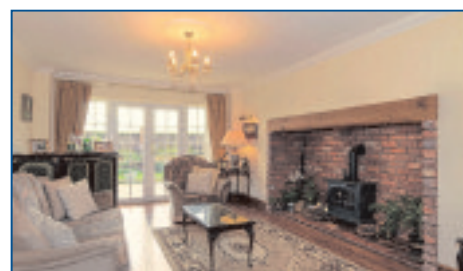
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- Ensuite, Bathroom
- No chain. EPC D.
- Well Maintained

Offers in the region of £179,950

## PANT



- Split Level Family Home
- Edge Of Village Location EPC D
- Views Over Shropshire Plain
- Three Double Bedrooms

£199,950

## LLANARMON



- Detached Country Cottage
- Three Bedrooms. EPC F.
- Edge of Village Location
- Backing onto Open Fields

£199,950

## OSWESTRY



- Immaculate Town House
- Three Bedroom
- EPC C. Modern Designed Kitchen
- Close to all Major Road Networks

Offers in the region of £169,500

## OSWESTRY



- Spacious Family House
- Sought After Location
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms

£290,000

## HENLLE, GOBOWEN



- Detached Barn Conversion
- Four Bedrooms
- Many Original Features
- Exposed Beams

£397,500

## LLANRHAEDR YM



- Detached Former Farmhouse
- Rural Village Location
- One Third Of An Acre
- Four Beds & En Suite. EPC E

£299,950





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OSWESTRY

£235,000



Situated WITHIN A MUCH SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION on the outskirts of the Shropshire town of Oswestry, THIS LOVELY TWO BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY HAS VIEWS ACROSS OPEN COUNTRYSIDE. FULLY REFURBISHED TO A HIGH STANDARD. Accommodation briefly comprises - Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms Master En-Suite and Bathroom. To the outside is a Double Garage/Workshop, off road parking for up to four cars, an impressive good sized well stocked Garden with a Stream, Outhouse and Woodstore. This property is well placed for easy access to Chester and the North West via the A5 and to the south, Shrewsbury and the Midlands via the A5/M54. Regional International Airports include Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester. VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THIS PROPERTY AND ITS LOCATION.

PENYFOEL, LLANMYNECH

£249,950



NO CHAIN!! WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER THIS SUPERB THREE BEDROOM DETACHED COTTAGE WITH OUTSTANDING VIEWS AND 1/3 OF AN ACRE. Close to the villages of Llanymynech and Pant. There are primary schools and other facilities which include shops, public houses and churches with road access into Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Welshpool. The property which has spacious lawned terraced gardens is approached by a driveway which provides off road parking for a number of vehicles. Accommodation briefly comprises - Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Conservatory, Down Stairs Shower Room, Three Bedrooms and a Bathroom. Outside there is a garage with inspection pit. VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THIS LOVELY PROPERTY AND ITS LOCATION.

OSWESTRY

£295,000



WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER TO THE MARKET THIS IMMACULATE SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM EXTENDED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME LOCATED IN A POPULAR SOUGHT AFTER RESIDENTIAL AREA WITHIN EASY REACH OF ALL LOCAL AMENITIES.

Oswestry market town provides a good range of shopping and leisure facilities, schools, both state and private. Easy access to the A5 trunk road, with links to Shrewsbury and Telford to the south and Chester and the Wirral to the north. There is also a main line railway station at Gobowen three miles away. Accommodation briefly comprises - Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Four Bedrooms one with en-suite and Family Bathroom. To the outside is a single garage and off road parking, the garden to the rear is mainly lawned and enclosed by hedging and fencing. The property benefits from Gas Central Heating and uPVC Double Glazing.

VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THIS PROPERTY AND ITS LOCATION.

QUEENS HEAD

Offers in the region of £325,000



WITH NO CHAIN!! WE ARE PLEASED TO BRING TO THE MARKET THIS HIGHLY ENERGY EFFICIENT "EPC RATED B" FOUR BEDROOM EXECUTIVE FAMILY HOME LOCATED IN THE POPULAR VILLAGE OF QUEENS HEAD. Accommodation briefly comprises - three reception rooms, high specification kitchen, reception hall, study, cloakroom, sitting room, lounge, kitchen / breakfast room, utility room, two master bedrooms both en-suite, two bedrooms, a family bathroom. Outside - gardens to front & rear, double garage and off road parking. THE PROPERTY HAS THE BENEFIT OF OIL CENTRAL HEATING, TIMBER DOUBLE GLAZING AND 3.84KW SOLAR PANELS. The property is situated just off the A5 trunk road. The village of West Felton is 1.5 miles distant and enjoys a village shop, post office, primary school, public house and church. Oswestry is approximately 3 miles away and is a thriving market town, providing a good range of shopping and leisure facilities, and affording easy access to the A5 trunk road, which gives easy daily travelling to Shrewsbury and Telford to the south, Wrexham, Chester and the Wirral to the Northwest.

RHOSYGADFA, GOBOWEN

£570,000



WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER TO THE MARKET THIS AWARD WINNING BARN CONVERSION WITH SEPARATE COTTAGE, BARN AND APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES OF LAND. The accommodation has original period features which include SOLID OAK BEAMED CEILINGS, OAK FLOORING, OAK WINDOWS, LEDGED AND BRACED DOORS AND SIX TRADITIONAL ROUND HAYLOFT WINDOWS. This is a spacious and easily maintained family home with the benefit of oil fired central heating and double glazing. Located in an attractive rural area and conveniently situated for major road and rail links. VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THIS PROPERTY AND ITS LOCATION.

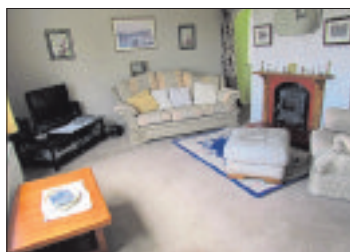
WHITTINGTON

£335,000



THIS IMPRESSIVE FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE SITS ON A GENEROUS PLOT AND SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION in the popular village of Whittington occupying a pleasant position at the end of a private drive. Well placed for access to Oswestry, Shrewsbury and the A5 road network. The property briefly comprises:- Entrance hall, Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Two Utility Rooms, Four Bedrooms the master with En-suite and Family Bathroom. Detached Double Garage. The good sized private landscaped rear garden is also a particular feature of the property which needs to be seen. VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THE LOCATION, CONDITION AND SIZE OF THE PROPERTY AND GARDEN.





## Smart dormer property in a quiet location

On the market with JJ Dell & Co, Elton, in Nant Lane, on the edge of Morda, is a well appointed detached dormer bungalow in a quiet village position. It has an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, four double bedrooms, a bathroom, cloakroom, garage, car parking and gardens. The kitchen has an integrated oven, hob and vinyl flooring. The lounge has a fireplace with a solid fuel burner, and there is a study. There are four bedrooms and a bathroom with a white suite of wash hand basin, bath with an electric shower over, WC, heated towel rail and vinyl flooring. The property is priced at £189,950. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit the website [www.jjdell.co.uk](http://www.jjdell.co.uk) for more details.



## Detached dormer bungalow in rural setting

Agents are pleased to bring to the market this well maintained and beautifully presented detached dormer bungalow in the popular rural village of Maesbury Marsh, approximately three miles from the market town of Oswestry and easy access to Shrewsbury and major road links. The property is on a sizeable plot with well maintained gardens to the front and rear. Accommodation comprises - entrance hall, living room, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom and three bedrooms. uPVC double glazing throughout and oil fired central heating. The driveway provides ample parking and there is a garage. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the location and presentation of this property. The price is £214,950. Call Town and Country on 01691 679631.



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### WHITTINGTON



- Four Bed. Edwardian House
- Exceptionally Well Appointed
- GFCH & UPVC DG
- Cloakroom
- Three Reception
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Sewing Room
- Good Sized Garden
- Garaging & Driveway
- EPC Band - D

JJD854

£279,950

### GOBOWEN



- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Ample Car Parking
- Large rear Garden
- Decked Patio/BBQ Area
- EPC Band - F

JJD840

OFFERS ON £154,950

### PORTH-Y-WAEN



- Exceptionally Well Appointed
- Country Property
- Central Heating & D/ Glazing
- 2 Good Sized Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 8 Beds
- En-suite
- Bathroom
- Double Garaging and Workshop
- Attractive Garden And Small Paddock
- EPC Band E

JJD749

£274,500

### GOBOWEN



- Close Care Residential Bungalow
- Purpose Built Complex
- CH & DG
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Conservatory & Courtyard
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom/Wet Room
- Visitor Accommodation Available
- EPC Band - D

JJD842

£69,950

### ST. MARTINS



- Detached House
- Occupying Pleasant Rural Position
- Opportunity for further improvement
- GFCH
- D/G & Secondary D/G
- Sitting Room & Living Room
- Dining Kitchen
- 3 Good Sized Bedrooms
- Garaging
- Good Sized Garden
- EPC Band D

JJD855

£239,000

### OSWESTRY



- Reception/Inner Hall
- Lounge And Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Attractive Good Sized Corner garden Plot
- Garaging And Ample Car Parking
- In Need Of Repair/ Renovation
- EPC Band - D

JJD858

£180,000 NO CHAIN

### LLANFECHAIN



- Kitchen
- Drawing Room
- Lounge & Sun Room
- Library & Study
- Cloakroom
- 5 Bedrooms/2 Baths
- Double Garaging
- Possibility to split accommodation
- EPC Band - C

JJD833

GUIDE PRICE £400,000

### OSWESTRY



- Modern Detached Bungalow
- GFCH & D/G
- Completely Redecorated
- New Carpets
- New Kitchen And Bathroom
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage And Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- EPC Band D

JJD814

£143,000 NO CHAIN.

### PANT



- Individually designed highly appointed three bed detached house
- O/F C/H, D/G
- Lounge & Study
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Sun Room
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Children's Play Room/ Fourth Bedroom
- Garage & Car Parking
- Extensive Views
- EPC Band C

JJD782

£420,000

### PARK HALL, NR. OSWESTRY



- GFCH & D/G
- Dining Kitchen
- Sitting Room
- Sun Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Attractive Garden
- Garage & Parking
- Occupying Quiet Position
- EPC Band - D

JJD820

£139,500

### OSWESTRY



- Detached three bedroomed family house in sought after residential area
- G/F C/H, D/G
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen & Utility
- Dining Room
- Sitting Room & Lounge
- Dressing Room
- Large Garage
- Attractive Gardens
- EPC Band D

JJD778

£349,950

### NR. GOBOWEN - TO LET



- Three Bed. Country Cottage
- Recently Refurbished
- OFCH UPVC D/G
- New Kitchen
- Living Room
- Utility
- New Bathroom
- Large Garden
- Car Parking
- Rent £550/Deposit £550
- Agreement Cost £150
- EPC Band

JJD079

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**Jennings Road Oswestry** £130,000

- A superbly presented Terraced House overlooking Brynhafoed recreational fields
- Beautifully and sympathetically modernized by the present owners
- Retaining many original features
- Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen and Rear Entrance Porch
- 2 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear courtyard style garden with storage shed
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating



**Applewood Heights West Felton** £130,000

- An excellent 4 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Views over open countryside to the rear
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining/Living Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloakroom
- 4 first floor Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Large driveway to the front, good size rear garden
- D/G and electric storage heaters. EPC Rating D



**Albert Road Oswestry** £82,000

- A deceptively spacious 1 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property with off-road parking
- Lounge, Kitchen, 1 first floor Bedroom and Bathroom
- Paved courtyard and outside storage shed to the rear
- uPVC double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating D
- This property should be of interest to first time buyers/investor purchasers.



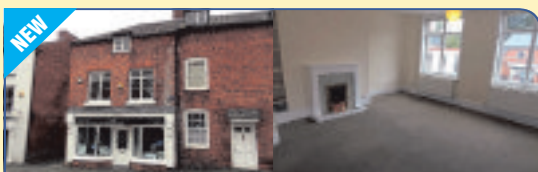
**Aston Close Oswestry** £145,950

- A comfortably appointed Detached House
- Ent Hall, Sitting Rm, Dining Rm, recently fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms & recently fitted Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden, driveway parking and front garden
- D/G, cavity wall insulation and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



**Milars Field Morda** £149,950

- An immaculately presented 2 Bedroom End-Terrace Bungalow
- Situated in an elevated position overlooking open countryside
- Constructed in 2008 & has been maintained to the highest standards
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, fully fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom and 2 Bedrooms, private rear garden & parking
- uPVC double glazing and Gas C/H. EPC Rating C



**Upper Brook Street Oswestry** £175,000

- A substantial town property comprising of a ground floor retail unit together with a large 3 bedroom apartment
- The shop is currently let on a commercial lease until 28th February 2015 with a passing rent of £400 per calendar month
- The apartment is situated on first and second floors
- Kitchen, Lounge, 3 Bedrooms and a Bathroom, Gas fired central heating
- Vacant at present the apartment has recently been let for £600 per calendar month



**Weston Road Morda** £395,000

- An excellent residential development opportunity located on the outskirts of the popular village of Morda approximately 1 mile from Oswestry town centre
- The site extends to around 1.66 acres (0.67 ha) with the benefit of Outline Planning Permission for 17 units
- The site has excellent views over open countryside yet is within easy walking distance of the villages amenities



**Queens Road Oswestry** £325,000

- A superbly appointed 6 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- The property has been completed to a high standard throughout
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Sitting Room
- Master Suite comprising En-Suite Bathroom and Walk-In Wardrobe
- Four further Bedrooms and three Bathrooms
- Front & rear gardens, double garage with electric door & off-road parking
- Gas central heating and double glazing throughout. EPC Rating C



**Wat's Meadow Gobowen** £224,995

- Brand new detached family home situated on the prestigious Wat's Meadow development constructed Fletcher Homes
- Finished to a high specification using only quality materials
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Utility, Cloaks
- Bedroom 1 with En-Suite, 3 further bedrooms
- Larger private rear garden and double garage
- 10 Year NHBC Certificate. Gas C/H. D/G

## 11 December Property Auction

2.00pm

@ the Lion Quays Hotel, Moreton Oswestry SY11 3EN

### LOT 1 AUCTION



**Southsea Guide Price** **WREXHAM Over £55,000**

- Detached Residence
- Potential for Refurbishment
- Good Sized Rear Garden
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas C/H, Double Glazing
- EPC Rating F
- Contact Wrexham Office

### LOT 2 AUCTION



**Oswald Road Guide Price** **OSWESTRY Over £100,000**

- Investment property
- 2 two bed apartments &
- 1 one bedroom apartment
- Close to centre of Oswestry
- Gas fired central heating &
- Communal Garden
- Potential to develop basement into accommodation
- EPC Rating E, D and D
- Contact Oswestry Office

### LOT 3 AUCTION



**Trevor Guide Price** **LLANGOLLEN Over £140,000**

- DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY
- Former garage site
- Extends to approx 0.57 acres (0.40 hectares)
- Outline planning permission for residential development
- Situated in the village of Trevor
- Fringe of the picturesque Dee Valley
- Close to the World Heritage Site of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.
- Contact Llangollen Office



**LLANGOLLEN Over £140,000**

### LOT 4 AUCTION



**Dolywern Guide Price** **LLANGOLLEN £65,000-75,000**

- Spacious One Bed Apartment
- Located in the Ceiriog Valley
- Part of a Conversion of the Former Mill
- Kitchen, Living Room, One Bedroom, Shower Room
- Courtyard and parking space for one vehicle
- EPC Rating 'E'
- Ideal First Time Buy or Investment
- Contact Chirk Office

### LOT 5 AUCTION



**Holt Guide Price** **WREXHAM Over £100,000**

- Traditional Semi-Detached Two Bedroom Cottage
- Conservatory extension
- Brick Outbuilding
- Set in approximately 0.12 of an acre
- Potential for modernisation
- Contact Wrexham Office

### LOT 6 AUCTION



**Holt Guide Price** **WREXHAM Over £100,000**

- Traditional Semi-Detached 3 Bed Cot
- Brick Outbuilding
- Set in approximately 0.12 of an acre
- Potential for extension, modernisation and refurbishment
- Contact Wrexham Office

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## Modern detached family home in popular village

A modern detached four bedroom house 23 Heritage Way, Llanymynech, is on the market with Morris Marshall and Poole for £225,000.

It has two receptions, cloaks, kitchen, utility and a master bedroom with an en-suite shower.

It is double glazed and has LP gas-fired central heating. It is on the edge of village and has no onward chain.

Call 01691 679595 for more details or to arrange a viewing.



## Lovely restored farmhouse with outbuildings

Horse owners seeking a beautifully restored period farmhouse with outbuildings, extensive landscaped gardens and productive pastureland are being advised to check out a property near Newtown. Lower Llegodig, Abermule, a spacious family home with grounds and pasture paddock extending to 7.5 acres, is on the market with agents Halls who are seeking offers in excess of £509,995. The characterful accommodation includes four reception rooms, four bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Viewing, which is highly recommended, is by appointment with Halls, Welshpool on 01938 555552.



## Four bedroom property has period features throughout

This is a rare opportunity to purchase a spacious four bedroom semi-detached property. Greystones Court on Shrewsbury Road is situated on the fringe of the popular market town of Oswestry. The property has period features throughout and offers flexible living accommodation including large entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, cloakroom, boiler room, cellar, four large bedrooms and family bathroom. Externally the property is approached over a gravelled driveway leading to private gardens, patio and ample off road parking. Offers in the region of £295,000. Contact Bowen Son and Watson on 01691 652367.



## Spacious 19th century home has good sized garden

A spacious four bedroomed fully modernised 19th century house with workshop and good sized garden Unicorn Cottage, Middleton Road, Oswestry is on the market with J. J. Dell & Co.

It has gas fired central heating, double glazing, rear porch, breakfast kitchen, dining room/sitting room, four bedrooms and a bathroom.

It has a workshop, ample parking, timber store shed and local amenities. The price is £219,950.

It is on offer with no chain. Contact (01691) 653437 and 680212.





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4 BED DET HOUSE  
3 RECEPTION ROOMS  
KITCHEN/DINER  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £494,950**



**Penybryn Cottage**  
4 BED DET COTTAGE & ANNEX  
3 RECEPTION ROOMS  
CONSERVATORY  
EPC RATING E  
**OIRO £379,950**



**Endslane Cottage**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
1 BED ANNEX  
3 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £359,950**



**NEW**  
**Westtra**  
3 BED DET BUNGALOW  
PLUS ONE BED ANNEXE  
APPROX 2 ACRES LAND  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £339,950**



**Oswestry**  
5 BED DET HOUSE  
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION  
2 EN SUITE BATHROOMS  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £329,950**



**Llansanffraid**  
5 BED DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
3 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £319,950**



**NEW PRICE**  
**West Felton**  
3 BED DET BUNGALOW  
UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING  
FRONT AND REAR GARDENS  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £269,950**



**Oswestry**  
4 BED DET HOUSE  
DOUBLE GARAGE  
UTILITY ROOM  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £264,950**



**Nantmawr**  
3 BEDROOM DET HOUSE  
SPLIT LEVEL PROPERTY  
NO CHAIN  
EPC RATING E  
**OIRO £249,950**



**NEW PRICE**  
**Meifod**  
4 BED DET PERIOD HOUSE  
SPECTACULAR RURAL VIEWS  
ORIGINAL CHARACTER FEATURES  
EPC RATING G  
**OIRO £249,950**



**Treflach**  
4 BED DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
KITCHEN/ DINER  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £244,950**



**Oswestry**  
4 BED TERRACE HOUSE  
OFF ROAD PARKING  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £219,950**



**Oswestry**  
4 BED TERRACE HOUSE  
IMPRESSIVE KITCHEN DINER  
ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £219,950**



**West Felton**  
2 BED DET BUNGALOW  
CONSERVATORY  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £215,000**



**Whittington**  
4 BED DET HOUSE  
KITCHEN/DINER  
GARAGE  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £209,950**



**Oswestry**  
4 BED DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
UTILITY ROOM  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £206,950**



**Oswestry**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
POPULAR LOCATION  
EXTENSIVE CELLAR AREA  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £204,950**



**Llangedwyn**  
3 BED DET BUNGALOW  
NO CHAIN  
GARAGE  
EPC RATING E  
**OIRO £184,950**



**NEW**  
**Ruyton XI Towns Doctors Meadow**  
3 BED MODERN DET HOUSE  
CONSERVATORY  
POPULAR VILLAGE LOCATION  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £179,950**



**Llanymynech**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
CONSERVATORY  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £179,950**



**NEW PRICE**  
**Llanymynech**  
2 BED DET BUNGALOW  
CONSERVATORY  
DOUBLE GLAZING  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £179,950**



**NEW**  
**Oswestry**  
4 BED END OF TERRACE  
OFF ROAD PARKING  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £179,950**



**Treflach**  
3 BED DET BUNGALOW  
NO CHAIN  
MOTIVATED SELLER  
EPC RATING E  
**OIRO £174,950**



**Oswestry**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
GARAGE  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £167,500**



**Oswestry**  
3 BED TOWN HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
DOWNSTAIRS WC  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £165,000**



**Whittington**  
2 BED DET BUNGALOW  
NO CHAIN  
CONSERVATORY  
EPC RATING D  
**ASKING PRICE £162,500**



**Oswestry**  
2 BED SEMI DET DORMA BUNGALOW  
NO CHAIN  
OFF ROAD PARKING  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £155,500**



**Llanfyllin**  
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
COUNTRYSIDE VIEWS  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £146,950**



**Gobowen Oswestry**  
2 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW  
OFF ROAD PARKING  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £141,500**



**Oswestry**  
4 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW  
NO CHAIN  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
EPC RATING D  
**OFFERS OVER £137,499**



**NEW**  
**Oswestry**  
2 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
DOUBLE GLAZING  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £132,950**



**NEW**  
**Oswestry**  
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE  
UTILITY ROOM  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £117,500**



**Oswestry**  
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
EPC RATING E  
**OFFERS OVER £99,950**



**TO LET**  
**Oswestry**  
OFFICE 1 £170.00 pcm  
OFFICE 2 £160.00 pcm  
OFFICE 3 - LET AGREED  
OFFICE 4 £367.00 pcm  
**FROM £170 PCM**

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## Elegant and imposing period house in mature gardens

An imposing late Victorian residence in a sought-after part of Oswestry is on the market at £399,950. Crofts-ide, Queens Road, stands in large mature gardens. The detached home has a hall, drawing room and dining room. There is a cloakroom, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room utility and a cellar. The master bed is en-suite, bedroom two has a dressing room, there are 3 more bedrooms and a bathroom. The agents recommend early viewing. Call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.



## Delightful home close to Offa's Dyke path

A four-bedroomed detached house, Old Sawley, Silverdale Drive, Trefonen, Oswestry has a double garage and large landscaped gardens. It is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £365,000. It has a porch, reception hall, dual aspect living room, dining room, sun room, kitchen/breakfast room, dishwasher, freezer, fridge and a Rangemaster cooker, utility, cloakroom, master bedroom with wardrobes and en suite, guest bedroom en suite and two further bedrooms, and a re-fitted bathroom. The gardens include a gate to the Offa's Dyke footpath. For further information contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595.



## Village home with great countryside views

A beautifully situated three-bedroom detached house with large gardens and panoramic rural views is on the market with Woodhead Estates. Silverdale, Springbank Close, on the edge of Trefonen, includes an entrance hall, sitting room with multi-fuel burner, living room with open fireplace, kitchen/diner, inner hall, utility/laundry room, double glazing, oil-fired central heating, off road parking, workshop, garage and extensive gardens. The property is priced at £324,950 - call Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit [www.woodheadestates.com](http://www.woodheadestates.com) to find out more.



## Spacious two-bed bungalow boasts its own sun room

This spacious two-bedroom detached bungalow 19 Aston Way, Oswestry, is on the market for £136,000. It is in an established residential location, conveniently located for the shopping facilities and amenities of the town. Accommodation briefly comprises; hallway, lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room, inner hall, two bedrooms and a bathroom. At the front is a gravelled area with a driveway allowing off road parking and a single garage. To the rear of the property is a sun room plus a low maintenance gravelled garden with shrubs. There is no upward chain. Contact Town and Country Property Services on 01691 679631.





## SOLUTIONS





**Casualty**  
9pm  
Ash is angered by a patient's lifestyle choice, Big Mac treats an old lady who seems confused after foiling a robbery on a shop and Ethan has a breakthrough. Connie is forced to bring her daughter into work. Derek Thompson, Patrick Robinson, George Rainsford and Richard Winsor star.



**Perry and Croft: Made in Britain**  
8pm  
The celebration of comedy writing duo David Croft and Jimmy Perry continues with an examination of how their sitcoms chronicled British people's attitudes to love and sex in the 20th century, looking at its depiction in Dad's Army, It Ain't Half Hot Mum, Hi-de-Hi! and You Rang, M'Lord?



**I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!**  
9.45pm  
Ant and Dec present all the highs and lows from the past 24 hours in the Australian jungle as the campmates struggle through another day of hardship in their bug-infested surroundings, all in an attempt to reach the final of the competition.



**Walking Through History: England's Last Battle - West Country**  
8pm  
Tony Robinson hikes up from Lyme Regis on Dorset's Jurassic Coast to the Somerset Levels in the footsteps of a ragtag rebel army led by the young Duke of Monmouth, the illegitimate son of Charles II.



**Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away**  
10.40pm  
Documentary giving an insight into the world of debt collection from the perspectives of debtors, creditors and those who collect the payments. Repossession experts Mike Allonby and Terry Jones roam the streets, looking for cars belonging to people with outstanding unpaid loans.

## BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast.**  
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** James Martin is joined in the studio by chefs Marcus Wareing and Sabrina Ghayour, and comedian Jack Whitehall, who faces either food heaven or food hell.  
11.30 **James Martin: Home Comforts.** The chef demonstrates recipes that can be prepared in advance.  
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.  
12.10 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches, which include Southampton v Manchester City in the Premier League.  
12.50 **Saturday Sportsday.**  
1.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the afternoon session at the Barbican Centre in York, where the second round in the prestigious ranking tournament is set to get under way. Coverage continues on BBC2.  
2.00 **Live International Rugby Union.** Wales v South Africa (Kick-off 2.30pm). The autumn international schedule reaches a conclusion at the Millennium Stadium this afternoon, as the hosts welcome the Springboks.  
4.30 **Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland.  
5.25 **Celebrity Mastermind.** With Tony Livesey, Ava Vidal, Monty Halls and the Rev Richard Coles. (R)  
5.55 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.  
6.10 **Pointless Celebrities.** Panelists including Lionel Blair, Wayne Sleep, Karen Barber and Louie Spence join hosts Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman for a dance edition of the general knowledge quiz.  
7.00 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present as Strictly goes global, with the pro-celebrity couples each performing routines from a different part of the world. The results are tomorrow at 7.15pm.  
8.15 **Atlantis.** The city remains vulnerable in the aftermath of the battle, so when a stranger offers salvation Ariadne finds him hard to resist. Jason fights for glory on the tournament ground.  
9.00 **Casualty.** Ash is angered by a patient's lifestyle choice, Big Mac treats an old lady who has foiled a robbery and Ethan has a breakthrough.  
9.50 **The National Lottery Live.** Jenni Falconer pushes the button to reveal the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.  
10.00 **BBC News;** Weather.  
10.20 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Sunderland v Chelsea at the Stadium of Light and West Bromwich Albion v Arsenal at the Hawthorns; **National Lottery Update.**  
11.50 **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two.  
1.10 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**  
1.15 **BBC News.**

## BBC2

- 6.00 **CBBC:** Timmy Time 6.15 Timmy Time 6.25 Shaun the Sheep 6.35 Hacker Time 7.00 All Over the Place 7.30 Help! My Supply Teacher Is Magic 8.00 Marrying Mum and Dad 8.30 Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom 9.00 Junior MasterChef 9.30 Junior MasterChef 10.00 Deadly Pole to Pole 10.30 Deadly Pole to Pole  
11.00 **The Blue Planet.** An exploration of Earth's marine life. (R)  
12.00 **Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey.** The multicultural cuisine of Penang, Malaysia. (R)  
1.00 **Escape to the Country.** A couple look for property in Pembrokeshire. (R)  
2.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** Hazel Irvine introduces further coverage of the afternoon session at the Barbican Centre in York, where the second round continues in the prestigious ranking tournament.  
5.30 **Restoring England's Heritage.** Historic buildings in need of restoration in the north-east and Cumbria.  
6.00 **Natural World: Jungle Gremlins of Java.** Dr Anna Nekaris travels to the Indonesian island of Java to investigate the slow loris, a primate often considered cute, yet able to deliver a deadly toxic bite. (R)  
7.00 **Flog It!** Mark Stacey and Adam Partridge value items in Bangor, north Wales, including a microscope with original slides and an early tea caddy.  
8.00 **Perry and Croft: Made in Britain.** The celebration of comedy writing duo David Croft and Jimmy Perry continues with an examination of how their sitcoms chronicled British people's attitudes to love and sex.  
8.30 **Dad's Army.** Sergeant Wilson inherits a title following the death of an elderly relative and joins the aristocracy - much to Mainwaring's annoyance. (R)  
9.00 **QI XL.** Extended edition. Josh Widdicombe, Aisling Bea, Tony Hawks and Alan Davies attempt to answer Stephen Fry's range of fiendish questions on the topics of love and loveliness.  
9.45 **Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction.** Dominic Sandbrook examines sci-fi's obsession with alien invasion and how it has reflected real-life anxieties. With Steven Moffat, David Tennant and Richard Dreyfuss.  
10.45 **Intruders.** Jack makes a gruesome discovery in his back garden, while Gary realises how to expose the corruption behind Qui Reverti, but it demands an unthinkable sacrifice.  
11.30 **Snooker: UK Championship.** Hazel Irvine presents action from the second round at the Barbican Centre in York, where the matches were played over the best of 11 frames.  
12.20 **Snooker: UK Championship Extra.** Hazel Irvine presents extended highlights from one of today's matches at the Barbican Centre in York, where the second round got under way.  
2.20 **This is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

## ITV

- 6.00 **CITY:** The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan 6.35 Pat & Stan 6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.05 Canimals 7.10 Canimals 7.20 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.25 Sooty 7.35 Mr Bean: The Animated Series 7.50 Matt Hatter Chronicles 8.15 Horrid Henry 8.30 The Munch Box  
9.25 **Dinner Date.** Liverpoolian Mike chooses three blind dates. (R)  
10.20 **Murder, She Wrote.** A salon owner is suspected of murder. (R)  
11.15 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.  
11.20 **All Star Family Fortunes.** With Paralympic champion Jonnie Peacock and Loose Women's Sherrie Hewson. (R)  
12.05 **Surprise Surprise.** A youth worker meets Rio Ferdinand. (R)  
1.05 **Doc Martin.** News of Martin and Louisa's engagement spreads. (R)  
2.05 **Keep It in the Family.** Six stars of Benidorm help contestants win prizes. (R)  
3.10 **FILM: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (2001).** Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe.  
6.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.  
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**  
6.30 **New You've Been Framed!** Comedy from the mind of Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' videos, featuring a squirrel stealing a smartphone, a fox attacking a golfer and the Smurf who falls victim to a toddler.  
7.00 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Chat-show host Jonathan Ross, comedienne and writer Katy Brand, Watchdog's Chris Hollins and model Jo Wood take on a trivia expert for charity. Bradley Walsh asks the questions.  
8.00 **The X Factor.** The aspiring pop stars hope to turn another week of rehearsals into a winning performance as they battle for places in next week's semi-final. Dermot O'Leary hosts. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.  
9.45 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec present all the highs and lows from the past 24 hours in the Australian jungle as the campmates spend another day battling bugs and Bushtucker Trials.  
10.50 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host chats to actor James McAvoy, presenter Phillip Schofield, comedienne Sarah Millican, Olympic gold medalist Jessica Ennis-Hill and singer Barry Manilow, who also performs.  
11.55 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.  
12.15 **FILM: Coogan's Bluff (1968).** An Arizona sheriff searches New York for an escaped killer, but his disregard for the rules antagonises the local cops. Don Siegel's crime drama, with Clint Eastwood and Lee J Cobb.  
1.50 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R)  
3.45 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

## Channel 4

- 6.15 **Snowman Triathlon.** Action from Snowdonia National Park.  
6.40 **Cycling: Revolution Series.** Action from the second round of the series in Manchester.  
7.40 **A Day at the Races.** (R)  
7.55 **The Morning Line.** A look ahead to this afternoon's racing at Newbury and Newcastle.  
9.00 **Weekend Kitchen.** With guests Richard Herring and Sharon Corr.  
10.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra surprises the family. (R)  
10.30 **Frasier.** Part one of two. Martin and Sherry consider breaking up. (R)  
11.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** The gang celebrates Star Wars Day.  
11.30 **The Big Bang Theory.**  
11.55 **The Simpsons.** Sideshow Bob escapes from jail. (R)  
12.25 **Marvel's Agents of SHIELD.** Hydra impersonates SHIELD to attack the United Nations. (R)  
1.25 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Newbury and Newcastle.  
4.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Sex and the City fan Jose Stewart hosts the first dinner party in Lincolnshire. (R)  
4.25 **Come Dine with Me.** History teacher Skip Schultz hosts the second party in Lincolnshire. (R)  
5.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Entrepreneur Sharon Wright hosts Lincolnshire's third party. (R)  
5.25 **Come Dine with Me.** Tattoo artist Indy Nijjar hosts a summer-themed dinner party in Lincolnshire. (R)  
6.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Admin worker Jessica Carroll hosts the final party in Lincolnshire. Despite a lack of culinary knowledge, she hopes her Chinese meal and unusual pet will impress the guests. (R)  
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**  
7.00 **Woolly Mammoth: The Autopsy.** Documentary following an international team of specialists and cloning scientists carrying out a historic autopsy on an extraordinarily well-preserved woolly mammoth. (R)  
8.00 **Walking Through History: England's Last Battle - West Country.** Tony Robinson hikes up from Lyme Regis in Dorset to the Somerset Levels telling the story of the 1685 Monmouth Rebellion, an attempt to overthrow James II. Last in the series.  
9.00 **FILM: The Inbetweeners Movie (2011).** Awkward teenagers Simon, Will, Jay and Neil head to Greece for a wild holiday - but things do not go to plan. Comedy, with Joe Thomas, Simon Bird, James Buckley and Blake Harrison.  
11.00 **FILM: The Sitter (2011).** Premiere. An irresponsible babysitter leads his three charges through a series of dangerous adventures on New York's mean streets. Comedy, starring Jonah Hill and Max Records.  
12.40 **FILM: Boomerang (1992).** Romantic comedy, starring Eddie Murphy.  
2.40 **Hollyoaks.** (R)  
4.40 **SuperScrippers.** (R)  
5.00 **Location, Location, Location.** (R)  
5.55 **NFL: Rush Zone.**

## Channel 5

- 6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig 6.05 Roary the Racing Car 6.15 Angelina Ballerina 6.30 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures 6.35 Seaside Antics 6.40 The Mr Men Show 6.50 Chloe's Closet 7.05 Olly the Little White Van 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas 7.25 Make Way for Noddy 7.35 Pip Ahoy! 7.45 Paw Patrol 8.00 Little Princess 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky 8.25 Wanda and the Alien 8.35 Mio Mao 8.40 Zack and Quack 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 9.15 Jelly Jamm 9.30 LazyTown  
10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Shredder teams up with the Kraang to receive a batch of mutagen. (R)  
10.35 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.  
10.40 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** An insight into the world of debt collection. (R)  
11.40 **FILM: Lost at Christmas (2007).** Fact-based drama, starring Dylan Walsh and Jami Gertz.  
1.25 **FILM: The March Sisters at Christmas (2012).** Premiere. Drama, starring Julie Marie Berman.  
3.10 **FILM: I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus (2002).** Family comedy, starring Connie Sellecca.  
5.00 **FILM: A Fairytale Christmas (2013).** Premiere. Romantic drama, starring C Thomas Howell and Haylie Duff.  
6.45 **5 News Weekend.**  
6.50 **FILM: The Bridge at Remagen (1969).** American soldiers are sent to capture a strategically important bridge over the Rhine before the enemy destroys it. Second World War adventure, with George Segal and Robert Vaughn. Edited for language and violence.  
9.00 **FILM: The Expendables (2010).** A mercenary team is double-crossed while on a mission to kill a South American dictator. Action thriller, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Jason Statham and Jet Li.  
11.10 **FILM: War (2007).** An FBI agent is drawn into warfare between Yakuza and Triad gangs as he seeks revenge on the assassin who murdered his partner. Martial arts thriller, with Jet Li and Jason Statham.  
1.10 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
3.10 **Gotham.** A killer is sent into police headquarters to murder Gordon. (R)  
4.00 **House Doctor.** A bland property near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. (R)  
4.25 **Make It Big.** Reality show following 12 young entrepreneurs. (R)  
4.50 **Make It Big.** Things are not going to plan for Graham. (R)  
5.15 **Angels of Jarm.** Noel borrows Aaron's coat. (R)  
5.20 **Angels of Jarm.** The children make cards. (R)  
5.30 **Angels of Jarm.** Faith tries to pull a big box. (R)  
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** Plugger rescues Molecom. (R)  
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)





### Antiques Roadshow

8pm

Fiona Bruce and the experts pay a return visit to Towneley Hall near Burnley in Lancashire. Specialist Mark Hill hears the remarkable story of Joseph Briggs, an Accrington engraver who emigrated to America to work for Tiffany, and he is stunned by a beautiful mosaic.



### World's Greatest Food Markets

9pm

Fish trader Roger Barton heads to New Delhi's Azadpur fruit and vegetable market, the largest of its type in Asia and so big it feeds not only the city, but provides food for the whole of India. Having been badly stung in Mexico, Roger wants to regain his pride.



### Keep It in the Family

7pm

With this year's series of I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! well under way, six former residents of the jungle - Katie Price, Helen Flanagan, Joe Pasquale, Joe Swash, Kim Woodburn and Sinitta - provide assistance as two families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds.



### Homeland

9pm

Thriller following a team of CIA agents battling terrorists and problems in their personal lives. As the CIA thriller continues, Carrie organises a last-ditch operation, while Lockhart and Martha do their utmost to stall Inter-Services Intelligence. Claire Danes, Mandy Patinkin and Laila Robins star.



### Police Interceptors

10.30am

Twenty officers descend on a hotel to arrest members of a criminal gang in their beds, Jon and Maya raid a cannabis farm, and Craggy and Phil catch a serial bacon snatcher. Three police cars and a helicopter take on a teenage van thief and Sgt Carlin stops a driver who has a gun.

## BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**  
**7.25 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Sunderland v Chelsea at the Stadium of Light and West Bromwich Albion v Arsenal at the Hawthorns. (R)  
**9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.**  
**10.00 Fern Britton Meets Donny Osmond.** New series. In the first of four celebrity interviews for Advent, singer Donny Osmond talks about his 50 years in showbusiness and the times when he questioned his Mormon faith.  
**11.00 Sunday Politics.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.  
**12.15 MOTD2 Extra.** With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team.  
**1.00 BBC News;** Weather.  
**1.15 Bargain Hunt.** From Derby.  
**2.15 Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties in Cornwall, London and Nottinghamshire. (R)  
**3.15 Escape to the Country.** (R)  
**4.15 Songs of Praise.** The story of the First World War Christmas truce.  
**4.50 Life Story.** The risks animals take in rearing their offspring. Last in the series.  
**5.50 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.  
**6.15 Countryfile.** The team reports from Lancashire, where John Craven uncovers a landscape that was once a true spectacle, but is now almost lost to the ravages of time. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.  
**7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, and there are performances by Andre Rieu with Alfie Boe, and the Lord of the Dance troupe.  
**8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the experts return to Towneley Hall near Burnley in Lancashire, where items include a collection of cut-throat razors, a mosaic and Lone Ranger memorabilia.  
**9.00 Remember Me.** Care worker Hannah discovers Tom has escaped from hospital, so she tries to persuade detective Rob to search Scarborough for the pensioner - but he is unconvinced by her hunch.  
**10.00 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.  
**10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Southampton v Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspur v Everton. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring the matches at St Mary's Stadium and White Hart Lane.  
**11.30 The Apprentice.** The entrepreneurs head to the countryside, putting together a portfolio of products to take the rural market by storm and selling them to the visitors at the Royal Bath & West Show. (R)  
**12.30 FILM: Color of Night (1994).** A psychiatrist suspects someone in his patient therapy group is responsible for the murder of a close friend and colleague. Psychological thriller, with Bruce Willis and Jane March.  
**2.25 Weather for the Week Ahead.**  
**2.30 BBC News.**

## BBC2

- 6.00 This Is BBC2.**  
**6.15 Great British Garden Revival.** Lawns and tropical gardens. (R)  
**7.15 Countryfile.** The team is in Berkshire. (R)  
**8.15 Glorious Gardens from Above.** Christine Walkden takes to the skies above Sussex. (R)  
**9.00 The Football League Show.** Highlights of the latest games in the Championship, League One and League Two. (R)  
**10.20 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Highlights of the series.  
**11.50 James Martin: Home Comforts.** The chef shares recipes that remind him of his Yorkshire childhood. (R)  
**12.20 International Rugby Union.** England v Australia.  
**1.20 Live Snooker: UK Championship.** The second round continues.  
**5.30 Glorious Gardens from Above.** Christine Walkden explores Oxfordshire. (R)  
**6.15 Flog It!** Charlie Ross and Mark Stacey value collectibles in Monmouth, Wales, and Paul Martin explores the countryside that inspired Laura Ashley's designs. (R)  
**7.00 Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom.** The team explores the art of medieval combat and the construction of a castle's defences, examining the ingenious features 13th-century builders came up with to withstand attacks. (R)  
**8.00 The Mekong River with Sue Perkins.** The comedienne concludes her epic journey along the Southeast Asian river as she follows the Mekong through China to its source in the Himalayas. Last in the series.  
**9.00 World's Greatest Food Markets.** Billingsgate merchant Roger Barton pits himself against traders at New Delhi's Azadpur fruit and vegetable market, which provides food for the whole of India. Last in the series.  
**10.00 Russell Howard's Good News.** The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print, and he is joined by a guest with an amazing tale to tell. (R)  
**10.30 The Wrong Mans.** Sam and Phil take a wounded Marat to Phil's house, but with M15 agent Smoke closing in on them, the hapless duo find they have become high-profile fugitives. (R)  
**11.00 The Wrong Mans.** Sam and Phil realise they must put themselves right in the line of fire to expose the plot, save Bracknell, uncover double agents and rescue their loved ones. Last in the series. (R)  
**11.30 Snooker: UK Championship.** Hazel Irvine presents highlights of the evening session from the Barbican Centre in York, where the second round in the prestigious ranking tournament was set to conclude.  
**12.20 Snooker: UK Championship Extra.**  
**2.20 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R)  
**3.20 Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)  
**4.20 This Is BBC2.**

## ITV

- 6.00 CITV:** The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25 Pat & Stan** **6.35 Pat & Stan** **6.40 Dino Dan:** Trek's Adventures **7.05 Canimals** **7.10 Canimals** **7.20 Signed Stories:** Share a Story **7.25 Sooty** **7.35 Mr Bean:** The Animated Series **7.50 Ultimate Spider-Man** **8.15 Horrid Henry** **8.30 Big Time Rush** **9.00 The Aquabats!** Super Show!  
**9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal.** From Kidderminster, Worcestershire. (R)  
**10.25 Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica's friend is suspected of murder. (R)  
**11.25 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.  
**11.35 FILM: Carry On Again Doctor (1969).** Comedy, starring Sid James.  
**1.20 The Unforgettable Pat Phoenix.** Profile of the Coronation Street star. (R)  
**1.55 All Star Family Fortunes.** Jermain Defoe and Martine McCutcheon take part. (R)  
**2.55 The X Factor.** The acts compete for places in next week's semi-final. (R)  
**4.40 Midsomer Murders.** A local boxer's successful world title bid stirs up hidden passions among the residents of Midsomer Marchard. Guest starring Phil Daniels. (R)  
**6.30 ITV News Central;** Weather.  
**6.45 ITV News and Weather.**  
**7.00 Keep It in the Family.** Former I'm a Celebrity contestants Katie Price, Helen Flanagan, Joe Pasquale, Joe Swash, Kim Woodburn and Sinitta help families win prizes. Bradley Walsh hosts. Last in the series.  
**8.00 The X Factor Results.** The remaining contestants wait with bated breath as Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and which acts will be battling it out in the sing-off for a place in next week's semi-final.  
**9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec interview today's eliminated contestant about their time in the camp, and present the usual round-up of highlights from the past 24 hours.  
**10.05 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.  
**10.20 The Cube.** A windsurfing instructor and a seamstress tackle a series of tough challenges, from agility tests to skills trials, aiming to win a jackpot of £250,000. Phillip Schofield hosts. (R)  
**11.20 Premiership Rugby Union.** Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures, which included Bath v Harlequins, London Irish v Gloucester and Exeter Chiefs v Saracens.  
**12.10 The Store.** Home shopping.  
**2.30 Motorsport UK.** Highlights from Brands Hatch, featuring the Ginetta GT4 Supercup and Formula Ford Championship. With commentary by Richard John Neil.  
**3.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. (R)  
**4.05 ITV Nightscreen.**  
**5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

## Channel 4

- 6.20 NFL: The American Football Show.** Highlights from the 12th week of the NFL campaign. (R)  
**7.15 How I Met Your Mother.** Barney tries to figure out Ted and Robin's secret. (R)  
**7.40 How I Met Your Mother.** Robin shows up with a new date (Enrique Iglesias). (R)  
**8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray and Debra encourage Marie and Frank to make new friends. (R)  
**8.25 Frasier.** Part two of two. Sherry clings on to Martin. (R)  
**8.55 Jamie's Comfort Food.** Sticky toffee pudding and osso buco. (R)  
**9.30 Sunday Brunch.** With Mel C, Gareth Thomas and McBusted.  
**12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A UFO-styled pre-fabricated Futuro house. (R)  
**1.35 The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon is upset about his career.  
**2.05 The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon is placed in a difficult position. (R)  
**2.35 The Simpsons.** Compilation, introduced by Troy McClure. (R)  
**3.05 The Simpsons.** Homer forms a bowling team. (R)  
**3.35 FILM: Inkheart (2008).** Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser.  
**5.45 FILM: Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009).** Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo.  
**Channel 4 News.**  
**8.00 The Great Wall of China: The Hidden Story - Secret History.** With access to the first nationwide survey and state-of-the-art drones mapping the Great Wall of China, this documentary sheds light on the vast edifice and its history.  
**9.00 Homeland.** Carrie organises a last-ditch operation, while Lockhart and Martha do their utmost to stall Inter-Services Intelligence. Claire Danes stars in the CIA thriller.  
**10.00 Jimmy Carr: Laughing & Joking.** Stand-up comedy with the host of 8 Out of 10 Cats, recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo in November last year, featuring his familiar brand of near-the-knuckle humour.  
**11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** The host is joined by comedian and actor Russell Brand, Get Santa stars Rafe Spall, Warwick Davis and Jim Broadbent, and French DJ superstar David Guetta. With music from Kiesza. (R)  
**12.05 Confessions of a Doctor.** Eight doctors lift the lid on their working lives in the consulting room as the programme explores how attitudes toward GPs have changed over the past 50 years. (R)  
**1.05 According to Jim.** Jim watches a sex education video. (R)  
**1.25 American Football Live.** Kansas City Chiefs v Denver Broncos (Kick-off 1.30am). Coverage of the week 13 fixture from Arrowhead Stadium, where the AFC West rivals face each other.  
**4.45 Snowman Triathlon.** Action from Snowdonia National Park. (R)  
**5.10 Win It Cook It.** With guest chef Aaron Craze. (R)  
**5.35 Countdown.** (R)

## Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05 Roary the Racing Car** **6.15 Angelina Ballerina** **6.30 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures** **6.35 Seaside Antics** **6.40 The Mr Men Show** **6.50 Chloe's Closet** **7.05 Oily the Little White Van** **7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas** **7.25 Make Way for Noddy** **7.35 Paw Patrol** **7.50 Pip Ahoy!** **8.00 Little Princess** **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky** **8.25 Wanda and the Alien** **8.35 Zack and Quack** **8.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom** **9.05 Jelly Jamm** **9.20 LazyTown**  
**9.50 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The quartet face an army of robot foot-soldiers. (R)  
**10.25 Access.** Showbiz news and gossip. (R)  
**10.30 Police Interceptors.** Officers descend on a hotel to arrest members of a gang. (R)  
**11.25 Police Interceptors.** A speeding driver is clocked at over 140mph. (R)  
**12.25 Police Interceptors.** Dan Braggins tracks down a driver who has given him the slip in Spalding. (R)  
**1.30 FILM: Noel (2004).** Drama, starring Susan Sarandon.  
**3.20 FILM: Matchmaker Santa (2012).** Romantic comedy, with Lacey Chabert and Adam Mayfield.  
**5.00 FILM: Annie Claus Is Coming to Town (2011).** Christmas fantasy, starring Maria Thayer.  
**6.45 5 News Weekend.**  
**6.50 FILM: Planet of the Apes (2001).** An astronaut crash-lands on a strange planet ruled by intelligent apes, who capture and enslave him. Tim Burton's sci-fi remake, starring Mark Wahlberg and Helena Bonham Carter. Edited for language.  
**9.00 FILM: The Expendables 2 (2012).** Premiere. The mercenary team battles a rival band of hired guns who have killed one of their number. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Jean-Claude Van Damme.  
**11.05 FILM: Universal Soldier (1992).** Two dead soldiers reanimated in a military experiment recognise each other as old enemies and pursue their vendettas. Sci-fi thriller, with Jean-Claude Van Damme and Dolph Lundgren.  
**1.05 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.  
**3.10 The Gadget Show.** Jason Bradbury and Jon Bentley pit the new iPhone against the HTC One (M8). (R)  
**4.00 House Doctor.** A cottage in East Sussex. (R)  
**4.20 Make It Big.** The youngsters organise a charity auction. (R)  
**4.45 Make It Big.** Simon and Jamie get verbal warnings. (R)  
**5.15 Angels of Jarm.** A song about burgers. (R)  
**5.20 Angels of Jarm.** David loses confidence. (R)  
**5.30 Angels of Jarm.** Penny does not listen to the teachers' advice. (R)  
**5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** Loada and Roary visit the beach. (R)



# Murmurations provide us with a magnificent sight

**THERE are perhaps three wildlife spectacles that are above and beyond all other phenomenons in the natural world.**

Happily for you and me they all take place in the months of November and December.

True enough the first of these is pretty much over, the great deer rut, but the other two are in full swing.

The deer rut is alas not really a Shropshire speciality and one must journey to Cannock Chase for the drama. The second of the three is the salmon run which I commented on last week.

The last great event is truly unmissable. It does not start particularly auspiciously; a small speckled bird here and there, probing your lawn for a morsel of food or visiting the bird table in a gathering of five or six. Then, at the right time and in the right place suddenly the tsunami arrives.

Hundreds of thousands of starlings erupt into view, turning their portion of sky to black and pulsing as if driven on by some grand and magnificent orchestra. Murmurations as these fascinating flockings are called, can seem bewildering and peculiarly eccentric. There is no doubt that this is perchance the greatest demonstration of the zest of life on Earth to be experienced by us Salopians, but why do they do it?

The answer is actually quite simple. As with everything in nature this is a fight for survival. Starlings are tasty morsels for peregrines, merlins and sparrowhawks.

One bird cannot hope to stave off an attack by these predators, but with 'safety in numbers' and every individual trying to

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avoid the edge where adept birds of prey can sometimes snatch a victim, they can at least increase their own chances that someone else will be eaten in their stead.

Indeed watch a murmuration for long enough and you'll usually see the entire mass twist and turn more sharply than usual. Pay particular attention to that area and you can often pick out a larger bird, usually a sparrowhawk, in amongst them. Starlings are intelligent and deliberating birds. As the small flocks return from their day's foraging on fields and in gardens and join the 'cloud', we can see that all each individual bird is doing is reacting to the movement of its neighbour.

Sadly, starlings have recently declined sharply; the breeding population is down by some 73 per cent since 1970. It is not clear what lies behind this fall, but it is probably due to the loss of nest cavities and a decline in the rough pasture where they find insects which form the backbone of their diet.

So where to see them? Huge gatherings are usually on show at the Brighton and Eastbourne piers; Westhay Moor, Somerset; Slimbridge, Gloucestershire; Aberystwyth; Leighton Moss, Lancashire and our very own Whixall Moss in North Shropshire, my local patch; and how lucky we are to still see them.

Ben's prints can be seen in the Gallery Tearooms, Princess St, Shrewsbury.



The drama of a murmuration at dusk – photo by Ben Waddams

# More women getting help for alcohol issues

A **WORRYING** number of older women in Shropshire are entering formal treatment for alcoholism, according to new figures.

Nearly one in 10 of those starting treatment is now a woman aged 60 or more, which compares to just six per cent five years ago, according to the latest statistics from Public Health England.

Kevin Marshall, of the alcohol support organisation Aquarius, said there was strong anecdotal evidence of a growing problem with drinking among women aged 55 to 65 in Shropshire.

He said, across the wider West Midlands region, women aged 55 to 65 was the biggest category for new referrals for help with drink problems.

"In Shropshire, there are mobility issues, it is a very rural county, and people can feel a sense of social isolation," said Mr Marshall.

"Also, there are life-changing events, kids leaving home, people having more time to themselves, and of course, when you're over 50, you find yourself going to more funerals."

However, Mr Marshall said it might also be that older women were now more confident in seeking help to deal with their problems. "In Shropshire we have done a lot of work raising awareness," he added.

In contrast, women beginning treatment for alcoholism between the ages of 18 and 29 went down — from 18 per cent five years ago to 14 per cent, according to latest figures from Public Health England, quoted by the Priory Group, best known for offering rehabilitation to troubled celebrities.

The figures show a similar trend among older men, with eight per cent of those males entering treatment being over 60 compared to six per cent five years ago.

The number of men aged between 18 and 29 entering treatment was 15 per cent last year from 19 per cent in 2008/09. Some 835 people - men and women - died during treatment in 2013/14.

Priory consultant psychiatrist Dr Paul McLaren said: "A common pattern is for regular drinkers, who have had their consumption constrained by the structure of working, tipping into harmful drinking in retirement."

For further information about the help available in Shropshire, see the website [shropshirecommunityhealth.nhs.uk](http://shropshirecommunityhealth.nhs.uk)



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### CARSWELL

Stella Brenda

Formerly Adams

nee Challinor

Passed away peacefully on November 12, 2014, at Radbrook Nursing Home, aged 72 years. Loving Mother to Paul and Mark, Mother-in-law to Mandy and Sian, Nan to Damien, Ryan, Lauren and George. She will be sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

Funeral Service at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Friday, November 28, at 1.45pm.

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Of Shrewsbury.

Wife of the late George.

Passed away peacefully at home.

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### ELDER

Heather

Passed away peacefully on November 21, 2014, aged 84 years.

Much loved Wife of the late John and a loving Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.

Funeral Service at St. John the Baptist Parish Church, Whittington, on Monday, December 1, at 2pm, followed by Interment at Welsh Frankton Churchyard.

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Walter Thomas

Passed away peacefully at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, on November 15, 2014, aged 89 years, of Fairfield, Kerry.

Dearly loved Husband of Olwen, treasured Father of Christine and Graham, adored Grandfather and Great-Grandfather and a dear Brother.

Funeral Service at Kerry Parish Church, on Saturday, November 29, at 12.30pm, followed by private Committal in the Cemetery.

Family flowers only.

Donations if so desired to St Michael and All Angels Church, Kerry, Ward 27 at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital or Kerry Silver Threads Club.

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## GWILLIAMS

David John

Of Sunnybank Road, Shrewsbury, formerly of Madeley. Passed away suddenly on November 10, 2014. Devoted Husband of Tricia, much loved Dad to Simon and Andrew, Father-in-law to Corrine, Brother-in-law to Karen and Peter and a much treasured Grandad to Melissa, Callum, Jack, Sam and Peyton.

Funeral Service to take place at St Giles Church, on Friday, November 28, at 11.15am, followed by Cremation.

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Basil Charles

Of Harvern Gardens, Prees, passed away in his beloved Scotland, on November 15, 2014, aged 82 years.

Funeral Service to be held at St. Chad's Church, Prees, on Monday, December 1, 2014, at 2pm, followed by Interment.

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# Hot hatch is a crazy riot

By James Parker

Take one Fiat 500, add a crazy turbocharged engine, spicy bodykit and wait for the fireworks. Fiat's evergreen 500 has been turned into a fire-breathing hot hatch before by legendary firm Abarth, but the latest version is now a permanent addition to the range.

Available in semi-sensible Turismo or the 100 per cent barmy Competizione guise tested here, the Abarth 500 is not for the faint of heart.

There's a turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol unit up front that offers a healthy 158bhp but more significantly 170lb.ft of torque. The exterior wears a seriously tough bodykit and gorgeous alloy wheel options, while there's stiffer suspension and uprated brakes too. There's some interesting touches inside too, such as the attractive metal-topped gearlever.

It's hard not to love the Abarth 500's looks, even though from some angles it is almost comically pumped up.

From a rational point of view, it has the proportions of a roller-skate, with a short wheelbase, big wheels and a minimal ride height, but it just makes you want to get in and drive it.

Any notion that the standard 500 is a car 'just for girls' is dismissed in a flash when it's turned into an Abarth. Those in the know recognise the badge and those that don't are intrigued.

Don't forget that the Abarth is still a city car, however much its transformation has rendered it better suited to the open road.

So up front there is a respectable amount of space for adults but the driving position



is better suited to those under six feet in height. In the rear it's kids or adults who are willing, rather than pure luxury.

This particular 595 had the optional leather bucket seats, which are terrifically supportive and look superb. In fact it's very easy to be carried away with the options list, especially when the end result is so much fun.

Drive the 595 in the manner it deserves and you'll revel in the gloriously torquey engine, the raucous exhaust note and the way in which it dives into bends with limitless enthusiasm.

It's a car that works best when you chuck

**'Drive the 595 in the manner it deserves and you'll revel in the gloriously torquey engine, raucous exhaust note and the way in which it dives into bends.'**

it about rather than use a delicate hand. Do so and it's a complete riot, as well as remarkably quick. Turn down the wick and it's a little more like hard work. The great handling comes from the stiff suspension which means bumps are

There's actually quite a bit of competition at this price level, and on the one hand the 595 Competizione is far from cheap.

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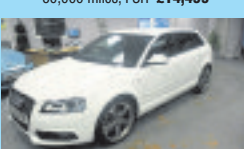
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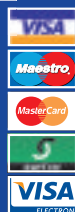
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# Convertible is practical and good day-to-day

By Bob Hickman

Who can doubt that over the last few years the Audi car company has moved onwards in huge leaps and bounds and been challenging other German car manufacturers to be placed as the Number 1 premium car manufacturer.

The range has grown dramatically to over 40 derivatives of the vehicle that carry the four circular rings as its logo. With the A3, Audi has effectively invented the small compact segment and with huge sales in the UK alone, it was only a matter of time before a further derivative arrived and the cabriolet appeared on the scene.

As with all manufacturers, to stand still is to commit suicide and now the A3 has received a further makeover to enhance its already pleasant and appealing features. Audi already has the A5 and TT Roadster in its stable but with the A3 it now has a compact four seater convertible. It gives a sporty driving experience that is also functional for everyday use. It also enables accessibility for those whose budgets may not extend to the somewhat larger A5 or the space restricted TT.

The designers have looked carefully at the A3 and the new version is as you would expect slightly larger than the vehicle it replaces and this translates in to more passenger space and a little bit more possible practicality in the interior. Audi has appeared to have adopted the philosophy of if something is not broken then let's not try and repair it and there is a huge similarity between the previous vehicle and the

new incumbent. There is a mixture from the part's bin as is understandable and the vehicle now has a longer bodywork that has changed quite considerably at the rear, behind the roof section.

One noticeable change is the implementation of the high level brake lights that are now on the leading edge of the boot lid.

One thing that Audi did look carefully at with the original A3, and this has been continued with the new vehicle, is its handling and its loss of rigidity due to the roof being removed.

The engineers have strengthened the A pillars, sills, bulkhead and the floor, by the utilization of high tensile steel and because these features are low in the vehicle the centre of gravity remains lower and this enhances the handling dynamics.

With the A3 Audi has continued with the use of canvas for the roof, avoiding the tin top versions.

The thermal and acoustics features of this fabric roof are just as good as being in a conventional saloon and it is somewhat difficult to differentiate between driving a soft top and a hard one.

This is down to the insulation and also the closeness of the fit and the quality of the machines utilised.

The roof folds in to an area all of its own that does sadly encroach slightly in to the boot space as it needs a device to lower a section of the boot so as not to crush articles when it's used.

## Incredible

That having been said the boot is reasonably generous and the opening aperture is narrow but it makes up for this by being wide. One feature with the roof that is quite incredible and during our test period I actually did try it out due to the inclement weather, is the facility to put the roof back in to place

whilst travelling at up to 30 mph. I was pessimistic that this might work and was concerned that with the roof raised it would give the appearance of a sail and could possibly be damaged. But at 20 mph it worked effectively and we were cocooned in warmth and avoided the heavy rain storm that developed.

Audi has continued with their tradition of badging them as a Standard, Sport and S-line.

The choice of engines is betwixt petrol and diesel with a diminutive 1.2 TFI producing 105 bhp as the entry level and my particular test vehicle the Sport, was equipped with the 2-litre 140 bhp diesel. This produces a low 110 kgs of CO2 which is going to put it in to the lower category for excise duty.

The performance from the extremely pleasant 2-litre diesel was sufficient to give a potential top speed of 139 mph; the 0-60 gallop could be achieved in marginally under 9 seconds. Audi

claim 67.3 mpg on the combined cycle and during my week with the vehicle and over 500 miles, I managed to achieve 50.7 mpg according to the computer fitted.

From an ownership, driving perspective the A3 had a sharp steering and felt dynamically secure in most conditions. With the roof down there was quite a considerable amount of buffeting but with the rear wind deflector in place this reduced this to a more than acceptable level and made the vehicle extremely comfortable. Two negatives with the wind deflector, however. It makes the vehicle a two seater car, as it completely takes over the rear. The other big criticism is how anybody can justify £290 for a bit of tube and some netting.

A3 cabriolets are available from £20,915 for the 1.2-litre petrol and the top of the range 2-litre petrol S-line, will set you back £28,790. My 2-litre TDI Sport was priced at £27,820.

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38 **Pool make point – but squander early lead**

Oswestry & Border Chronicle Thursday, November 27, 2014

AFTER their nine-goal drubbing the week before, Welshpool Town restored some pride in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a 2-2 derby draw at home to Berriew at Maesydre.

Pool appeared to have shown no lasting hangover following their 9-3 home loss to Llanfair in their previous outing as they raced into a two-goal lead, Martyn Ziemann firing them ahead with a stunning 25-yard strike.

And they doubled their advantage inside the first 10 minutes when Will Thomas released Jack Harris to slot home his 10th goal of the season.

Bur Powys rivals Berriew, looking for points to climb clear of the basement zone, hit back to reduce the arrears before half time as Christian Webster fired home a rebound following a fine save from the home keeper.

Welshpool were hanging on in the second half, and the visitors earned a deserved draw five minutes from time when an inswinging free kick came into the box and Mark Jones glanced into the net.

Despite having to settle for a point, Pool will be happy enough with a share of the spoils after the previous week's nightmare.

They remain seventh, but will face a tough home clash against in-form Carno on Saturday.

**LLANFAIR UNITED** were frustrated by the wet weather as their clash at LLANSANTFFRAID Village was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch at Treflan - but they remain seven points clear at the top as the leading four teams were also without any league action.

Second placed Rhosgoch's hopes of trimming the gap were also denied as their trip to Machynlleth also succumbed to the torrential rain.

Another of the leading contenders Penrhyncoch were also unable to capitalise as they were involved in the fourth round of the FA of Wales Trophy, with the Roosters defeating Llangefni on penalties to reach the last 16 after the tie had finished 1-1 at Cae Baker.

**CARNO** were the real beneficiaries as they moved above Penrhyncoch into fourth spot with a 6-1 romp at Aberystwyth University that extended their unbeaten run to seven games, Tom Sparks firing a consolation for the students with a free kick.

**WATERLOO ROVERS** had to settle for a 1-1 draw at Aberaeron despite a strong finish.

They had trailed at the break to a strike from Sion Clarke, but dominated the second period to level through Charlie Proctor, while they could count themselves unfortunate not to return with all three points after carving several good chances.

The title race appears wide open in division two after leaders Hay St Mary's crashed 3-0 at Knighton Town to see their advantage at the top trimmed to five points.

Churchstoke, in third, failed to close the gap as they slipped to a 3-2 reverse at Abermule.

Kerry, however, are looking good in the top four after their 2-0 home verdict against Builth Wells.

Elsewhere, Borth ran out 2-0 winners at lowly Penybont, while Presteigne prevailed 4-2 at Talgarth and Bont notched a 3-0 victory over visiting Newbridge.



Oswestry off-road cyclist Dave Griffiths is making his way up the West Midlands Cyclo Cross League

# Griffiths riding high off-road

A LEADING local cyclist has swapped the open road for forest trails and dirt tracks this winter.

But Dave Griffiths, 37 from Oswestry, is making the transition from road racing to cyclo cross look easy as he climbs his way up the West Midlands Cyclo Cross League table.

The father-of-two who, in the summer months, races with Shrewsbury-based Paramount Performance Cycle Racing Team, is currently ranked 11th out of 180 riders in the league and is aiming for a top 10 finish by the end of the winter season.

"This is the first time I've had a proper stab at cyclo cross and I'm absolutely loving it," said Griffiths, who works in Shrewsbury as a consultant engineer. "The first races have been

really brilliant and I'm actually doing much better than I ever expected."

Most cyclists tend to take time off during the winter months but Griffiths admits a lack of summer training has driven his motivation for cyclo cross.

"I didn't do as much training over the summer as I would have liked due to family commitments so felt like I needed to do something to keep my fitness levels up over the winter," he said.

"Cyclo cross is just a bit different and is great fun.

"It's very different from road racing and the transition has really tested my strength, ability and skill.

"With cyclo cross you race flat out for an hour on circuits which are

mainly grass, dirt and forest trails which can be really challenging.

"I'm obviously used to being in the saddle for much longer periods and would only just be warming up after an hour so it is a real change of pace.

"I'm really pleased with my performance so far though and it would be great to finish in the top 10."

Griffiths said the other factor he really enjoyed about cyclo cross racing was the family atmosphere.

"It is so family friendly," he added.

"It is really fantastic to watch the younger children race as well as adults. It's a super atmosphere."

Griffiths is being supported by Stan's Cycles of Shrewsbury, which sponsors the Paramount team.

# Kelly's eye for goal has St Martins on the up

TWO goals from Warren Kelly ensured St Martins stayed among the leading pack in the West Midlands League division one after securing a fine 3-2 victory at one of their close challengers Trysull.

Victory lifted the Saints up to fifth in the table, with games in hand, but that position could be improved further as points will be adjusted after struggling Hanwood withdrew from the league.

The visitors were made to work hard for their seventh win of the campaign against a Trysull side also jostling among the leading pack.

After an even start to the game, St Martins got their noses in front on 25 minutes when an excellent move saw left back Shin Miah pass to Shawn Melusi who in turn found Kelly who fired low into the corner of the net.

Trysull hit back after the break when a mix-up in defence saw Jack Johnson fire home from 10 yards and with 15 minutes remaining they were in front when Jack Morgan crashed a free shot against the underside of the bar and over the line.

Spurred into action, the Saints retrieved the game, with a leveller coming with seven minutes remaining when defender Harry Murphy headed against the underside of the bar before being cleared away. However, the ball was put back into the box and Melusi made no mistake.

From the very next attack Miah launched another sweeping move involving six players, that ended with Kelly notching his second of the game.

Trysull pressed late on, but the visitors held firm for a hard-earned win, and they will now be looking to maintain the momentum in Saturday's home clash with Panncroft at Park Hall (3pm).

## GOLF RETURNS

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**MILE END**  
**October Medal Division 1:** D Birch 76-10=66; D Smith 79-12=67; K Davies 72-5=67. Division 2: I Beckett 84-17=67; T Alcock 87-19=68; M Ryan 87-19=68. Division 3: B Hunter 86-21=65; N Waters 86-20=66; A Cawley 88-20=68.

**Ladies November Medal Division 1:** D Bradbury 88-17=71; R Jones 84-19=75; J Ord 92-13=79. Division 2: J Tinsley 103-30=73; C Slater 100-25=75; J Bennett 104-28=76.

**November Stableford Division 1:** D Birch 43pts; K Davies 39pts; P O'Conner 37pts. Division 2: K Evans 39pts; B Moody 38pts; P Griffiths 38pts. Division 3: S Lewis 45pts; S Shum 39pts; B Davies 37pts.

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## OSWESTRY

**Ladies**  
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**Nine Holes:** B Humphreys, B Fone, D Bowen 37pts; M Hughes, B Bebbington, I Motters 35pts; W Horan, P York, G Griffiths 35pts; S Wilson, J Williams, R Bowen 35pts.

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# Oswestry's hockey sides both win in superb style

**HOT-SHOT Jack Morgan netted five times to keep Oswestry one point clear at the top of the West Midlands Hockey League division one with a comfortable 7-0 home win against struggling Yardley.**

With Jody Wilson also scoring twice, it meant the border side maintained their creditable goal difference which has brought 45 goals this season from eight outings.

However, the league leaders were not at their best against a struggling Yardley side who arrived late after one of their cars broke down en route to Oswestry's school.

## HOCKEY by John Bridgwater

Womens League division division two

After suffering only their second defeat of he season the previous week when losing 3-0 at Golborne Ladies, the Oswestry side bounced back well with three goals in the first half followed by two in the second.

Victory keeps them in fourth spot, three points off the summit, and they will be looking for another positive result in Saturday's trip to lowly Wilmslow Ladies.

Able to field a full line-up of 11 players, albeit with no substitutes, the hosts were hopeful of a return to winning ways and were soon in their stride.

They put pressure on Alderley right from the whistle, which helped to quieten down the numerous opposition supporters.

The hosts were able to employ some lovely passing play, while working as a team to try and retain possession as much as possible.

Persistence paid off when Sarah Lowe pounced on a

loose ball in the D to open the scoring, before Tracey Royle slotted two further goals for a three-goal interval advantage.

This healthy cushion meant that Oswestry were able to use the second half to try out different types of attacking play and focus on the detail of their play.

Alderley Edge were a young, and subsequently very fast side, so Oswestry needed to keep their concentration to limit their attacking chances, particularly on the break.

The home side continued to press, and soon generated more chances, both through open play and short corners. This pressure was rewarded as Royle twice more to equal her goal tally for the first half, and take her total for the match to four.

It proved an encouraging performance, and Oswestry will be out to continue that promise when they face Cheshire side Wilmslow away in their next fixture.

## MEN'S WEST MIDLANDS 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oswestry	8	6	1	1	45	15	19
Old Wulfrunians	7	6	0	1	37	9	18
Bloxwich	7	5	1	1	38	10	16
Leamington	7	4	0	3	24	16	12
Pershore	6	4	0	2	22	17	12
Newtown	8	3	2	3	18	21	11
Evesham	7	3	0	4	15	26	9
Whitchurch	8	3	0	5	17	31	9
Droitwich	6	1	1	4	7	24	4
Barlaston	7	1	1	5	13	40	4
Yardley	7	0	0	7	8	35	0

## Ladies Cheshire League Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lymm	10	8	1	1	32	9	25
Neston SW	10	8	1	1	32	9	25
Golborne	10	8	0	2	16	8	24
Oswestry	10	7	1	2	22	11	22
Warrington	10	5	3	2	18	11	18
Alderley Edge	10	4	2	4	18	20	14
Triton	10	3	2	5	13	19	11
Crewe Vagrants	11	2	2	6	17	22	8
Chester	10	2	1	7	13	30	7
Deside Rimbles	11	0	8	9	19	6	6
Wilmslow	10	1	1	8	8	27	6
Macclesfield	10	1	2	7	10	23	5



Oswestry's Sandra Jones (left) and Katie Hazeldine go shoulder-to-shoulder during the 5-0 win for the border ladies medal over visiting Alderley Edge thirds. Pic: Peter Shah.



Oswestry player Wendy Mayne (right) closes down the danger against Alderley Edge

# Ross tops goal chart

THIRTEEN is proving lucky for Llanfair United striker Ross Frame who is leading the way in the Spar Mid Wales League division one scoring charts.

Frame has scored 13 times this term to help the unbeaten Llanfair side to pole position in the table, four ahead of the chasing pack. Leading scorers:  
**Division One:** Ross Frame (Llanfair Utd) 13, Jack Harris (Welshpool) 10, Richie Evans (Machynlleth) 9, James Davies (Llanfair Utd) 9, Marc Edmondson (Tywyn Brynocrug) 8, Iwan Matthews (Llanhaeadr) 8, Peter Rees (Carno) 7, Dean Evans (Bow Street) 7, Will Thomas (Welshpool) 6, Andrew Hughes (Llanfair Utd) 6, Joey Price (Rhosgoch) 6.

■ **Dyffryn Banw**, who were 4-1 winners at Newbridge in the previous round, have been drawn away to Builth Wells in the quarter-finals of the E R Jenkins Cup.

**Draw:** Knighton v Churchstoke, Presteigne or Penybont v Abermule, Builth Wells v Dyffryn Banw, Borth Utd v Hay St Mary's.

# Guils climb to second spot after late decider

GUILDSFIELD moved up to second in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance after overturning a two-goal deficit to sink lowly Powys rivals Llanidloes Town 4-3 following a strong finish.

Mike Parry's side had been off the pace in the first half, looking all at sea at times as some sloppy play allowed the visitors to capitalise on the break.

But their fitness shone late in the second half as Llanidloes ran out of steam, which meant a losing return to his old haunt for Mike Barton, the former Guils manager who is now caretaker boss at a Llanidloes side battling for league survival.

The former goalkeeper must have thought fortunes were turning as his side led 1-0 at half time, 2-0 after the interval

and 3-1 after an hour, before revitalised Guilsfield rallied to take the spoils.

Llanidloes, with just one win to their names this season, led at half time through Chris Wilkins' 40th minute strike, his first goal for the club after recently joining the Victoria Avenue outfit.

Seven minutes after the break, Breese broke through one-on-one to steer his shot into the nets after the home side had lost possession to increase the Daffs lead.

Gareth Jones then pulled one back five minutes later when scoring after Nathan Leonard had squared across goal, but Breese restored the two goal cushion on the hour when tapping in following a fine run from Wilkins after the Guils had again relinquished the ball wide out.

But hopes of the visitors gaining a much-needed win were shattered as they faded late on once Sean Jones had glanced a near-post header into the net from a Gareth Jones corner on 67 minutes.

Central defender James O'Reilly then headed the scores level from another Jones corner before Guilsfield snatched the points nine minutes from time through Danny Barton.

A shot from Jones was well saved by keeper Aaron Warwick, but the ball ballooned up into the air only for the experienced marksman to nod home his 14th league goal of the season.

The victory lifted the villagers up to second, while leaving Llanidloes bottom, and well adrift of the sides above them.

Teenager Jojo Harris struck a second half leveller as Caersws returned with a 1-1 draw at Holyhead Hotspur to lose more ground on the leading pack.

The Anglesey men had led at the break after Kenleigh Owen took advantage of a defensive slip in the 40th minute, but the Bluebirds often looked the more threatening.

Holyhead had Phil Williams sent off for a wild challenge in the second half, and the visitors deservedly levelled 10 minutes from time when Harris fired home after Jake Parr's cross had hit the post. John Owen also headed a golden chance wide late on.

Holyhead vs Mel McGuinness was also red-carded for dissent late on before he had even come onto the pitch.



## Town come unstuck as chances go begging

FC OSWESTRY's challenge in the Mercian Regional League premier division was dealt a blow as they slumped to a surprise 2-0 defeat to AFC Bridgnorth reserves at Park Hall.

Looking to build on a fine win at Childs Ercall the previous week, Town came unstuck against a very youthful Bridgnorth side that took the spoils with goals from Dan Taylor and Will Reid.

Defeat, their fourth of the season in the league, keeps Nick Maguire's side fourth in the table, five points shy of second spot and eight points off the pace.

Looking to keep the pressure on the leading pack, the Oswestry hosts started brightly with chances falling to strikers Stefan Ivanov and Harry Kerr, but both were unable to hit the target.

And they paid the price midway through the half when the visitors took the lead, firing home from 12 yards after a defensive error was pounced on.

Town were looking to make it to half time trailing by just the one goal to regroup, but on the stroke of the interval another defensive mix-up handed the visitors a second goal.

The hosts came out the second half with more intent with chances again falling to Kerr and Paul Bache, but the Bridgnorth side held firm.

### Setback

Manager Nick Maguire made three changes as he looked to get Town back into the game but, despite dominating the second half, they were unable to find a breakthrough and fell to a shock defeat.

Town have no game on Saturday before returning to action the following week (December 6) away to struggling Weston Rhyn, 2pm kick-off.

Basement side WEST-ON RHYN are still looking for their first points after slumping 8-1 at Madeley Sports where Aaron Seabury and Jason Illingworth both scored twice, with Craig Brown, Luke Hevingham, Jayne Duncan-Emery and Ryan Edwards getting the others.

GOBOWEN CELTIC's challenge suffered a setback in division two as they slumped 6-1 at home to high-flying Stoke Heath, Joe Pierpoint getting their reply.

LLYNCLYS were also beaten 5-2 at Albrighton Juniors, where Joe Lockley scored twice, Adam Fox, Tom Preece and Heath Kennerley also found the net, while an own goal and Adam Roberts were the visitors' scorers.

ST MARTINS VILLAGE were edged out 2-1 at home to Broseley reserves whose Richard Parker scored a brace.

## Llanfair out as men off

LLANFAIR ladies were edged out 2-1 against a strong Denbigh side in a closely fought affair.

A headed goal from Catrin Roberts kept Llanfair in the hunt, but Denbigh prevailed to continue their fine run of form.

The weather disrupted the club's action with the men's Spar Mid Wales League clash at Llansantffraid and the reserves' home encounter with Gulsfield reserves in the Montgomeryshire League both postponed due to waterlogged pitches.

# New Saints top dogs pegged back by Rhyl

### Rhyl 2 The New Saints 2

RUNAWAY leaders The New Saints still hold a commanding nine point cushion at the top of the Welsh Premier despite being pegged back to share the spoils following Rhyl's second half rally.

The league leaders seemed on course for victory as they carved a two-goal interval lead through Greg Draper's 36th minute opener and Chris Seargeant, who found the net five minutes later.

But the steely Seasideers stormed back in the second half to earn parity courtesy of Steffan Halewood 10 minutes after the interval and substitute Ashley Stott, with his side's second on 72 minutes.

It was a disappointing outcome for the pacemakers who had failed to close the game out after looking in charge against a side battling to steer clear of the drop zone.

A lively opening to the game saw Rhyl's David Forbes lash a powerful shot over the bar from before Danny Gossett followed suit from the edge of the box.

The Saints then spurned a golden chance themselves to break the deadlock when the impressive Seargeant slipped the ball to Draper who could only put his effort wide from eight yards out.

With the visitors starting to stamp their authority on the first half, Kai Edwards' excellent half volley was smartly saved by former TNS goalkeeper Alex Ramsay as the game remained deadlocked.

The Saints continued to dominate possession, and their efforts were rewarded in the latter stages of the half when Draper tapped in from four yards out following excellent work from Chris Marriott who skipped past a couple of Rhyl defenders on

the left before providing a telling cross for the New Zealand marksman.

And that advantage was soon doubled as a flowing team move was clinically finished by Seargeant to seemingly put Craig Harrison's side in charge at the break.

However, Rhyl were in no mood to surrender and were quickly back in the game early in the second half when Halewood's powerful header beat Paul Harrison at the back post to give Greg Strong's side hope.

And their renewed belief saw the hosts draw level with 20 minutes left when Stott, having only just appeared as substitute, headed in from a corner.

The Saints thought they had a penalty late on when substitute Scott Quigley appeared to be brought down in the box, but the striker was cautioned for diving to sum up a frustrating afternoon.

However, with Airbus UK losing 1-0 at Newtown and Aberystwyth Town drawing 2-2 with bottom club Bangor City, not too much damage was done as the Saints continue to hold a tight grip at the top - and they remain unbeaten despite a fifth draw of the campaign.

■ The New Saints manager Craig Harrison feels Ryan Kershaw's loan deal to Welsh Premier rivals Cefn Druids will benefit all parties.

The young midfielder joined another of the TNS loanees, Ryan Edwards, at the Rock and made his debut in last Friday's 1-1 draw against GAP Connah's Quay.

"It will be great for Ryan to go out and get competitive senior football," he said. "He has done very well so far in his first year as a pro and I expect him to develop to be a TNS player of the future."

# Oswestry hit back for a superb win on the road

OSWESTRY continue to breathe down the necks of leaders in rugby's South Lincs and Cheshire Two after storming back from a poor start to secure a cracking 22-21 win at Ormskirk.

Two tries from flying winger Jack Fox and one from captain Andy Smith helped steer the Eagles to a narrow success, that sees them lying joint second with Southport and five points adrift of leaders Liverpool Collegiate.

Despite having key players missing through injury or unavailability, the visitors were still able to field an excellent team nonetheless, such is their strength in depth this season.

The game started in fine conditions with a large band of Ormskirk supporters looking for a win for their team - and it seemed their side were well on course after scoring two converted tries in the first seven minutes to open up a 14-0 lead.

Oswestry were left reeling, but were determined to regain their composure and claw back the deficit with captain Andy Smith urging his players on.

They were happy to get their first points on the board moments later after being awarded a penalty, and Gaz Hughes made no mistake with his kick.

And they reduced the gap within minutes when Fox showed his speed to go over on the wing following good support from Hamish Fullerton and Tom Keaveny, and Hughes converted to leave Os trailing 14-10.

Having "found their legs" following their coach trip, the Eagles were now flying and showed their superior game play as they continued to look to push forward in a bid to get another score.

And it came following some good scrummaging by the Os forwards before deft hands from Zac Baldwin put captain Andy Smith free to sprint from the 22 line to touch down, the conversion being missed.

With the visitors leading by one point at half time, they were in good spirits as they looked to build on their advantage in the second period in what was shaping up

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to be a tough, hard-fought encounter.

Ormskirk, however, started to get on top with attacking moves but the Eagles defence was outstanding, while coach Gaz Barrett made some tactical changes by replacing James Anderson with Nick Howland.

With no way through the Oswestry defence, the hosts opted to kick the ball, with one of these attempts being a drop goal that went wide, allowing the Eagles the chance for a breather and to regroup.

Once again the Ormskirk machine started pushing the gallant Eagles hard, but they were stunned when Fox intercepted a poor pass from the forwards and sprinted almost the length of the field to score under the posts, with Hughes making no mistake with the conversion this time to extend the lead to 22-14.

This rattled Ormskirk and the game became a bit scrappy with both teams battling for possession, while the hosts were reduced to 14 men after having one of their players red-carded for throwing a punch at Hughes who was replaced for a blood injury.

Anderson came on at full-back with Luca Owen-Youens switching to fly-

half, and Fuller going to scrum-half to replace the injured Nick Clay.

All this left the Os disorientated, allowing the Ormskirk backs to grab a try on the wing which they converted, leaving the score 22-21 to the Eagles.

This was how the score remained, with Oswestry delighted to return with the spoils, and the visitors were clapped off by the home supporters following a cracking display of rugby.

The Eagles are back on home soil on Saturday when they entertain Moore as they bid to keep up the pressure on the leaders. The game also marks the official opening of the newly refurbished clubhouse.

OSWESTRY II also ran in three tries as they saw off Crewe and Nantwich 26-10 to move up to seventh in the Freshlet North West League division four south.

South Lincs/Cheshire Division 2									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
Liverpool Coll.....	11	9	0	2	511	106	47		
Southport.....	11	10	0	1	240	143	42		
Oswestry.....	11	9	0	2	260	228	42		
Tyldesley.....	11	8	0	3	373	164	40		
Dukinfield.....	11	7	0	4	258	197	33		
Ybonds IDM.....	10	6	0	4	387	237	32		
Ormskirk.....	11	6	0	5	276	245	30		
Moore.....	10	5	1	4	295	249	28		
Orrell.....	11	4	1	6	183	174	22		
Port Sunlight.....	11	1	1	8	208	265	17		
Marple.....	11	2	1	8	210	272	14		
Ashton-on-M.....	11	2	1	8	134	274	13		
Prenton.....	11	2	0	9	141	453	9		
Trentham.....	11	2	0	9	97	556	3		



Fancy a lift – Oswestry's Jamie Luckett powers forward despite the close attention of an Ormskirk forward during the 22-21 win for the Eagles



Scrum half Nick Clay ready for the put-in as the Oswestry forwards pack down

## Clarke player of year

BATSMAN Robbie Clarke picked up Oswestry Cricket Club's player of the season award at the club's annual general meeting.

Clarke cracked four half centuries in the Birmingham League division one, including a top score of 84, and compiled a total of 415 runs at an average of 27.67. He also picked up five wickets at 21.2 apiece.

The second team award went to Josh Kirk, who also took the young player of the season honour.

Kirk was in fine form with the bat in the Birmingham League 2nd XI (North), with 476 runs, and a highest score of 111. He also made two half centuries, and averaged 36.62.

Batsman Alex Ramsay (the former TNS keeper, now with Rhyl) was third team player of the season, while Allan Morris took the fourth team's accolade.

Meanwhile, left arm spinner Mark Robinson will continue as first team captain next season in the Birmingham League division one, with Alex Huxley again vice captain.

At the club's annual meeting, 18-year-old Josh Coleridge was installed as second team skipper, and Ian Davies the vice captain.

The third team will be captained by Chris Wiseman, and Richard Jones the vice captain, while last season's vice captain Nick Woodcock takes over as fourth team skipper.

## Llanrhaeadr face fixture shuffle after a washout

LLANRHAEDR will have to try again after their home tie with Kinnel Bay in the fourth round of the FAW Trophy was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Heavy rain through Friday night left standing water on the pitch, and with little prospect of play following an early morning inspection

With the villagers involved in the Welsh Cup this Saturday, the tie against the Conwy coastal club will be rescheduled for Saturday, December 6. They were due to play Talgarth in the Spar Mid Wales League Cup that day, but that match will be rearranged.

It was the end of the road for Spar Mid Wales League division one rivals FOUR CROSSES who went out with a 4-1 exit at Gwynedd club Llanberis.

Nick Popky's side were in the hunt at half time with the scores level, before three second half goals saw the North Wales side through.

Meanwhile, Crosses have bolstered their squad with four new signings as they look to climb into the upper reaches of the Spar Mid Wales League division for the second half of the season.

Joining Foxen Manor is the right sided Jack Jones, who has made his mark for JT Hughes Montgomeryshire league division one side Llanfyllin Town this term.

"Jack is a direct player who likes to get on the ball, he deserves his chance in a higher league and hopefully he will take it and push on," said manager Popky.

"He's had a couple of seasons at Llanfyllin and they really were sorry to see him leave which is testament to his character in and around the club."

Also arriving is striker Emlyn Williams, a midfielder from Morda United who have been playing in the Montgomeryshire league. He scored twice earlier this season when playing against Four Crosses reserves.

Nigel Woodcock, an experienced defender/midfielder, has also joined after featuring for Oswestry Town and St Martins in recent seasons.

Making up the batch of new arrivals is midfielder Kyle Wilson, another player to leave Morda United who have lost a number of players due to the fact that they are currently not being permitted to play in the Montgomeryshire League by the Shropshire FA as they are based across the border in England.

### GOLF RETURNS

**HENLE**  
Four Ball Better Ball; D S Jones & P Roberts; C Thomas & K M Inglis; G Peate & R Grindley, Ladies' November Medal; S Meehan; M Shelton; S Sims. Seniors' Texas Scramble; T Telford, E Smith & M Aubrey; J Leonard, J Evans & M Morris; R Blackburn, J Fletcher & T Dodd.

**MILE END**  
Ladies November Medal Division 1: D Bradbury 88-17-71; R Jones 94-19-75; A Ord 92-13-79. Division 2: J Tinsley 103-30-73; C Slater 100-25-73; J Bennett 94-19-71.

**November Stableford Division 1:** D Birch 43pts; K Davies 39pts; P O'Connor 37pts. Division 2: K Evans 39pts; B Moody 38pts; P Griffiths 38pts. Division 3: S Lewis 45pts; S Shum 39pts; B Davies 37pts.

**Nine-hole Social Winners:** N Tomlinson, D Bradbury & P Cattaneo 42pts; J Turner, B Jones, A Eke 41pts.

**OSWESTRY**  
Ladies November Medal Winners: AM (Stableford) 18 Holes: C Johnson, M Alford, D Mottram 69pts; D Hall, R Wigley, J Farries 67 pts; P O'Connor 37pts. Division 2: K Evans 39pts; B Moody 38pts; P Griffiths 38pts. Division 3: S Lewis 45pts; S Shum 39pts; B Davies 37pts.  
**Christmas Competition No 2:** P Shore 41pts; D Thomas 36pts (c/b); J Williams 36pts; I Davies 35pts (c/b); P Morris 35pts (c/b); T Williams 35pts.



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## Llanrhaeadr gearing up for massive Cup tester

Llanrhaeadr are gearing up for one of their biggest games for many a season when they travel to Afan Lido in the third round of the Welsh Cup on Saturday.

Having never progressed this far in the prestigious national competition, the villagers have their sights set on a place in the fourth round – and last 16 – for the first time.

Standing in their way will be an Afan Lido side who had been in the Welsh Premier in recent years before being relegated down a tier to the Welsh League last term.

To date, they are having a modest campaign, losing 2-1 at Penybont last Friday, and Llanrhaeadr chairman Phil Roberts says his side are not going to Lido just to make up the numbers.

“It’s a big test, but we’ve hit a bit of form and feel we can do well there,” he said. “Since coming down from the Welsh Premier, they have gone back to the grass roots with a young team, and it’s a challenge we’re looking forward to.”

Llanrhaeadr make the trip in good heart on the back of a seven match winning run that has lifted them into the top six of the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

### Draw

Player boss Mark Griffiths will have a squad that is close to full strength, apart from forward Tom Evans who is unavailable.

Meanwhile, Llanrhaeadr will have to try again after their home tie with Kinnel Bay in the fourth round of the FAW Trophy was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Heavy rain through Friday night left standing water on the pitch, and with little prospect of play following an early morning inspection.

With the villagers involved in the Welsh Cup on Saturday, the tie will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, December 6. They were due to play Talgarth in the Spar Mid Wales League Cup that day, but that match will be rescheduled.

The winners of the tie now know the identity of their next round opponents following the draw for the last 16 in Cardiff.

Whoever progresses will have home advantage when they tackle Glantraeth in the next round, and the tie will be played on Saturday, January 31.

## Guils earn Parry praise

MANAGER Mike Parry praised his side’s “togetherness” as Guilsfield maintained their fine campaign by moving up to second in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

The Guils were made to battle all the way by lowly Llanidloes Town who had led 2-0 and 3-1, before the villagers roared back late in the second half to clinch a 4-3 victory through Gareth Jones, and headed goals from Sean Jones, James O’Reilly and Danny Barton.

They now head to Rhayader Town on Saturday, for what promises to be another tricky test against a side who have produced some creditable results this season.

But Parry feels his troops are in good shape following a consistent level of performance, and yet another stirring fightback.

“We started slowly last week, looked a bit lethargic, and Llanidloes, to be fair, began brightly and deserved to be 1-0 up,” he said. “At half time we changed formation and, the way we set ourselves up, we felt they may get a goal or two, but that we would also create chances to score.”

“We came alive in the last 20 minutes, like we have often done this season.”

“There is a lot of togetherness in the team, there is belief that we can turn games around and we never feel we’re beaten.”

With Graeme McGill close to returning following his broken foot, Parry will have further options at his disposal as he looks to maintain his team’s challenge in what appears to be an increasingly open league this season.

## Llanfair look to hit back

HIGH-RIDING Llanfair United will be desperate to get back on to the pitch when they host Four Crosses in the Spar Mid Wales League division one on Saturday.

Rhys Stephens’ side were frustrated last Friday when their clash at third placed Llansantffraid Village was called off due to a waterlogged pitch at Treflan.

Despite being left kicking their heels, the unbeaten pacesetters remain seven points clear at the top, and with games in hand on their chief rivals.

Four Crosses, who bowed out of the FAW Trophy at Llanberis in Snowdon last weekend, look for the perfect pick-me-up by stunting the league leaders. Boss Nick Popky has bolstered his squad by bringing in four new signings.

Llansantffraid Village face a big trip to Rhosgoch, a game that pits together teams lying third and second respectively.

Welshpool Town have a tough home clash with Carno, while near neighbours Waterlooville Rovers are also at home at Maesdyre when they welcome Bow Street.

Berriew boss Dave Jones is under no illusion about the importance of his side’s home meeting with lowly Tywyn Brynchrug.

After last Saturday’s draw, in which they came back from two goals down to finish 2-2, Berriew remain 12th, while their visitors are second from bottom, and seven points behind.

“It’s a massive game against Tywyn, and we need to pick up three points,” said Jones.

## Clubhouse opened as Eagles set for big day

IT’S a big day for Oswestry’s rugby club who look to keep the pressure on the leaders in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two with victory against Saturday’s mid-table visitors Moore.

After their hard fought 22-21 victory at Ormskirk last weekend, the Eagles are flying high in joint second place, and five points adrift of leaders Liverpool Collegiate.

And they will have their sights on more points on a day when the club marks the official opening of its new refurbished clubhouse at Granville Park at 1pm, before the game kicks off.

“The club has reached another milestone in its magnificent history with the refurbishment of the club, and our ongoing commitment to the community only strengthens the game of rugby for everybody,” said team manager Martin Ord.

“Oswestry RUFC are moving forward with the endeavour to provide rugby for all ages and gender, with women’s rugby now actively being promoted.”

Having lost just twice this term, Oswestry are in good spirits as they bid to maintain their challenge, although some of their victories have been a lot closer than they would have liked.

“The main thing at the moment is we are still winning and lie joint second in the league with Southport,” added Ord.

“There is a still long way to go, we have to keep our concentration and our will to win within the squad, and this requires training and dedication.”

■ Dan Williams scored 21 points as OSWESTRY II avenged a cup defeat with a 26-10 home victory over Crewe and Nantwich III in the North West League division four (south).

After trailing to two unconverted tries in the first five minutes, the Eagles hit back with three penalties from Williams to trail 10-9 at half time. After the break, the hosts pushed ahead with Williams grabbing two tries before Jonathan Hughes wrapped up the win.

# BOSS TELLS TNS TO TIGHTEN UP

**BOSS Craig Harrison has warned The New Saints to tighten up defensively when the holders set out on the Welsh Cup trail with a potentially tricky third round trip to Caernarfon Town on Sunday (12.45).**

The tie, to be televised live on Sgorio, promises to be an intriguing affair as it features the leaders and current champions of the Welsh Premier, and a side chasing the title in the next tier below, the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

The Saints are firm favourites to progress, still unbeaten, and nine points clear at the top of the table, while having already reached the final of another competition, the Word Cup.

But there have been chinks in their armour, with the Saints drawing five times this season, including last week’s 2-2 finish at Rhyl who clawed their way back from a two-goal deficit.

Harrison was clearly unhappy, and warned his side need to tighten up their act defensively, particularly from set-pieces, if they are to avoid coming a cropper on a return to North Wales.

“Going to Caernarfon will be tough as, every time we

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go onto the pitch, teams raise their game as they want to beat us,” said the manager. “We’ve got fantastic players, but one thing’s for sure, we are going to have to defend better.”

“To say we were gutted to draw at Rhyl was an understatement, it was very disappointing and the fact they scored from two set plays the mirror image of each other is not good enough.”

“From open play we did very well and were cruising at 2-0 up. But then we decided we were not going to do the horrible, ugly things and defend corners.”

He added: “We created chances from open play, we had enough chances to have won, and we had a clear cut penalty turned down.”

“I think everyone could see it was a penalty, and to end up booking our lad was embarrassing. But these things happen, they’re out of our control.”

Top scorer Mike Wilde, with eight league goals this season, is back after missing the last three matches through suspension.

■ The Word Cup final between TNS and Bala Town will be the first ever senior Welsh domestic final to be staged on a synthetic surface.

The game will be played on Newtown’s newly laid 3G pitch at Latham Park on Sunday, January 25, 2015 and screened live on S4C.

■ Three TNS academy players – James Jones, Andy Wycherley and James Papiorny – have been called up to represent the Wales under-18 Academies representative squad.

In all, some 17 youngsters from Welsh Premier League will meet up over the weekend December 6-7.

## Right Royle knees-up at Oswestry



Tracey Royle (left) on the ball for Oswestry in their 5-0 win over Alderley Edge in Cheshire Division Two. Royle hit four goals and Sarah Lowe the other to set them up nicely for Saturday’s trip to face Wilmslow. ■ See P38. Pic: Pete Shah.

## Sell-out for Tuffers

TV personality and former England Test star Phil Tufnell’s appearance in town next Thursday, as guest speaker at Oswestry Cricket Club’s Sportsman’s Evening, is a sell-out hit.

Tufnell, a team captain on the BBC One sports-based panel show A Question of Sport, will speak to club members and guests at the Showground Pavilion, Park Hall.

“It’s great to have Tuffers coming to Oswestry,” said club captain Mike Robinson. “He’s such a great character, and we’re delighted the event will be a sell-out.”

Tufnell, a left-arm spinner, took 121 wickets in 42 Test appearances for England – and since his retirement from the game has been much in demand as a media personality. All 300 tickets have sold for the event on December 4.

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